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- 1797 - 1798 -

Voyage To India

in

Ship Belliarus

(and letter, with journal &c)



Log  
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Departures

August - 14 - John Felt Brig Rose  
Nov<sup>r</sup> - 16 - Joseph Ropes Brig Peggy  
Sept - 18 - Nat Sibley Ship Benjamin  
Nov<sup>r</sup> - 18 - James Verry Schooner Mary  
Dec - 4 - Belisarius G. Brewster

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per 100 Dollars

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16 Annas is 1 Rupee

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1 annas - 3 cents

1 Dollar is - 2 1/2 Rupees

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Ship Belisarius -

3<sup>d</sup> - Third Voyage



Voyage to France  
India

Ship Bellisarius 1797 & 98  
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Monday 14

Arrived up to town in the forenoon & moored the ship  
low down — in the stream gave the pilot my Note for  
121 Rupees for piloting the Ship up — He drew 10 1/2 but  
we must pay for 11 if he draw above 10 1/2 —

I got an early dinner & went on shore to engage a  
house & after seeing several I concluded to take the  
largest & the others I saw were not only small but  
have no godown or stores & are a long way from the  
customhouse & all goods must go there before you can  
export them & the cooly hire would be more &  
this house which I have taken (it is larger than I  
wanted) has sufficient room & large godowns  
but the price is high 125 Rupees per month  
I felt my self pretty tired after traversing about  
so much & went on board to sleep — — —

Tuesday 15

I came on shore in the morning & entered the ship  
& took charge of my house & brought on shore my  
Desk-trunks & some pictures & furniture &c



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December  
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Friday

I then I waited upon Mr Fairlie to know if  
his house had received the Money for the bills  
remitted them from Madras upon the Governm<sup>nt</sup>  
here to the amount of 73485.15.8 Current Rupees  
he informed me they had received ~~received~~  
all & that they would allow me interest for  
same & that I may receive the money when I  
please however I shall not want it this 20  
days yet — I then waited upon Mr Miller  
our Consul to let him know such a report  
was in port as it is our duty to do always  
I dined at Mr Fairlies house this day  
I find Ron will fetch a little more than I gave  
for it but the Cotton I fear will not so much  
piece goods I believe are upon the whole reason-  
able or not dear Sugar not dear — cheaper  
than it was 5 or 6 months ago when my brother  
was here in Ship America — I find that he  
left this 3 July for America he will make a good  
voyage I received two letters from him one dated

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Friday

3 July the other on his leaving the pilot at the sand  
heads 11 July I find that there has been here a great  
many American Ships particular Salem vessels & that  
they have carried home a good deal of Sugar & at a high  
price 10 all Rupees the month 22  
I price goods at a higher price than they are at  
at present — I have received a letter from my  
brother Richard dated Hamburg Nov 7-96 brought  
by Capt Jackson <sup>who is now here</sup> & as Friday I sleep on shore  
in the house I have took to reside in

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Saturday

when I was at Isle France a Gentleman wished to send  
338<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Dollars & 27 Rupees to a gentleman here the dollars  
I paid out in Isle France in gold lumps (48 lumps) & of  
course took the risk upon my self — to day the Gentleman  
sent for the same I gave him the 338<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Dollars — &  
likewise the rupees but the 22 Rupees where but  
half ones & 5 only where whole ones but they where  
the same that I took in Isle France & of course they  
must be right — I let my Banian have the



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Saturday above 18 Lumps of gold to try what he can  
16 obtain for them I think he can obtain more  
for them than what I gave —  
yesterday I sent the pinnace & barge over the oth-  
er side of the water in Mr Gillet's yard as we do  
not want them it will save them from being  
stove & keep them out of our way —

I sent musters of 16 bales of my cotton to Messrs  
Fairlie Gilmore & Co to see what they will offer  
for the same —

borrowed of Mr Sherry (the chief mate) 350 Dollars  
Capt Jackson (who brought me my brother's  
letter from Hamburg) called upon me to day he  
has been here about a month & expects to sail in  
a month for Philadelphia —

Mr Macarty (who was our Consul at the Isle of  
France a little time past) called on me to learn  
what news from the France &c I Capt Lawson  
I brought him a letter from there from his Nephew

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Sunday William Macarty who came out from Albany via New York  
16 expecting to meet his uncle but was disappointed & is now  
returning home by the way of Copenhagen —

I have not begun to purchase any goods as yet but shall (I  
believe) next week — my Panian is trying to  
find a place to leave my ship down at & to see what  
kind of an agreement I can make with the man &c  
I sleep on shore at my house as I shall all the time  
I dined at home

Monday

very pleasant as it all ways is this time of the year  
17 the mates have stowed the ship all except the lower rig-  
ging — yards & top mast are down — as the lower rigging  
has never been lifted since the ship has been built we  
shall have a fine time & a good opportunity to give it all  
a good & thorough over haul as we intend so to do it has  
been standing 37 months — I dined at Mr Macarty's  
a little way out of town — Capt Jackson & his supercargo  
& two french Gentlemen was there & Capt Lawson who was  
Capt of the Triton — & Mr Minot who has been with Mr



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Sunday 17

Macarty this 5 years past he came out with my  
brother Jacob in ship Henry —  
the Portugues fired a salute it being (as I am in-  
formed) the Queen of Portugal's birth day  
Capt Redwell (of Ship Miroch) left town yester-  
morning (his ship being down River) for New York  
he being detained by some of his people they  
having left the ship & have been trying to  
him to pay them their wages — by him I wrote  
letters to my Father & one (before) by Capt  
Krollock of Ship Harmony from Kedgee of New

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an agreement of this kind with him to give him 10  
per cent up on all the expenses he to find all the  
workmen &c — but I shall find the oakham &  
Copper & nails but shall give him 5% upon it  
however we cannot commence at present as the  
Ship is still loaded we may begin next week —  
we have done nothing yet in the purchasing way as yet but  
they begin to bring me musters — sent onboard ship some  
green hides & tanned ~~for~~ for the rigging — I wrote to Mr  
Fairlie to know if he had determined respecting the cotton  
I offered him the other day he sent word he was then  
engaged but would inform me in the morning —

Capt Young called upon me to day this Gentleman  
came out passenger with my brother Jacob on his first voyage  
which is 6 years ago he has done very well he now  
commands a large country ship <sup>of King of Trepenches</sup> but tells me he has  
some thoughts of returning to America — I dined with  
Capt Jackson of Ship John Donelson supercargo — 3 other  
American Capt there — I learn that Capt Crowel is  
her of Salem he came chief officer of the Triton  
yesterday paid pilot 12/- in & threw the Banian

Monday 18

The Carpenter (Mr Barba) called upon me res-  
pecting recopper or repairing the Copper of the Ship  
& says he has a fine place where we can have  
the ship on shore but it is what I have no use  
of doing as she is so very sharp I am afraid of  
ing of her as I would not have her hog'd for  
half her value. & he is to try if he can find  
hulk that we may leave down by — I have



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Tuesday  
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Received Mr J. Miller sent me a chit to know if I would  
buy 3 bales of Coast goods I told him must see the Invoice  
& muster & then I would tell him —

Mr Fairlie sent me a chit according to promise & told  
me he cannot purchase my cotton but made me  
an offer of 1 L R per ~~cent~~ in bills upon London I wrote  
him I would not do that but would take any kind  
of goods at his own price — agreed for 25 mounds

of good ship bread (8<sup>d</sup>) per muster at 3 Rupees per  
which is 22 cents per 112<sup>lb</sup> the bread we bought in Calcutta  
for the ships stores I think cost us 10 dollars which 100  
cents — an immense difference —

the black people have brought musters of several kind  
of goods I shall begin to examine them to morrow  
they onboard ships come on pretty well in the rigging  
I believe shall begin to discharge cotton to morrow  
& prepare the ship for heaving down — a very disagree-  
ble job but it must be done as we can see place  
where the copper is off — I shall endeavor to repair  
it as well & as cheap as I can — if she was shewn  
I would <sup>not</sup> go to the expense as she is not I must

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Wednesday  
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Received Mr Millers chit with Invoice of goods as  
mentioned yesterday of Subiaul & Vertipollom —  
Handkerchiefs with the musters — I told him I would  
examine them & let him know in a day or two —  
received a (begging) chit from Rose Andrew I gave  
her 8 Rupees — sent a chit to G. R. Foley Esq.  
custom master to know if I could land my Cotton  
(as I am obliged to leave my ship down) for exporta-  
tion (if I could sell in the mean time I of course  
would pay the duty) he sent me, verbally, that  
I might land it & deposit the duty, & if I take it  
away he will return the deposit — I conclude  
to land to morrow — Capt R. Jackson & his supercargo  
Mr Donelson dined with me this day — in the  
fore noon Capt Sn (who came here chief officer of  
the Triton) Crowel called upon me to know if I  
could give him any information about his family,  
I could not as I have been from home some time — he has  
been from home I believe 7 years — the officers on-  
board comes on pretty well in refitting the  
rigging &c. —

3.4 is 2.91 cents dollars etc  
212 Rupees per 100 dollars

3.4

25 mounds is 18.1.6  
183 Rupees 3 cents etc

25 mounds at 3/4 is 8.1.4  
8 Rupees 4 annas is 38 Rupees 32 cents  
25 mounds is 18.1.6 at 10 dollars is 18.1.6  
would have cost in America difference 18.1.6



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Thursday

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sent boats ~~out~~ alongside the ship & a chit to Mr Sherry to deliver to them all the Cotton if they could take it. Capt Young (who came out here with my brother Jacob about 6 years past) who commands a Ship of say 500 tons called the Sea Flower belong to the King of Travancore she is now laying by the bank hauled up — went with me onboard my ship I had a tiffing amongst other matters I happened mention we passed not far of or rather close to the shoal (in the Charts called Sche dem) to the S point palmiras he instantly laughed & desired not to mention it to any one as he nor any body ever saw it (except a Dutchman) that he is aged with, however what I have seen with my own eyes I must believe & am so confident that such one exists that when ever I pass that way in the night shall keep a very good look <sup>out</sup> if I think I am by the place by my sounding most certain I shall come to anchor — it certainly does exist — then we went onboard his Ship — she a large new ship a tier of ports a round house a bad bone but good clean run I think she will sail pretty well

today  
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came on shore I dined at home to day & alone my Banian has bought for me to day several sorts of white cloths at different prices & I believe they are lower then they have been this some time past owing to the scarcity of species — the officers onboard sent onshore all the cotton & the Banian had it all brought up to my house & put in the Godowns before night in all 165 bales some of them where in bad order I sent coolies onboard & had them mended — in the forenoon Capt Hathway of the Ship Richmond & Mr Bonelson supercargo of Capt Jackson paid me a visit to day Mr <sup>sent me some old letters</sup> which where left with him & others by my Brother Jacob — Benj<sup>r</sup> & Richard but they where quite old they brought to light & raised in me some some very pleasing & some <sup>melancholy</sup> ideas the latter I would wish to forget the former I could wish to cherish long being family affairs & a friend of mine informed me (yesterday) that in the Telegraph ~~was~~ of Saturday Decem<sup>r</sup> 10 — 1797 is



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Thursday 21 - something that concerns myself & ship - I sent for it & read as follows -

on Thursday afternoon, the American ship Bellesarieu capt Brownshield, anchored off Calcutta, from France, which she left the 22 October.

as there is supposed to be not much dependance placed on the intelligence brought by American ships, from the French Islands, we shall forbear to mention any thing we have heard by this ship - more particularly, as there are some reports abroad respecting the conduct of this ship, on her former voyage - the truth of which we have not ascertained.

I was not much surprised at it knowing the gentlemen wish to fill up their paper with intelligence more particularly that which will keep the public still conjecturing, as that will bring more of the same sort all to no purpose - as a proof of which I will just give the facts -

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21 which if he had done conjector would have been out of the question by being too in the truth if I was not certain of this man being in Bengal this sometime past I should have room to suppose he was lately from some of the French Islands by giving to the public such vague intelligence & founded upon so gross a false hood - (as that is the character he would wish to put up on us American from the I - I -) however I have the pleasure to inform (him) that his floating intelligence is now safe come on shore - for as to myself I never have been in Calcutta since Dec<sup>r</sup> 93 - & as for the ship Bellesarieu under my command she never had the honour to be at Calcutta before now - all the stuff in his paper must have been trumped up by himself as I do not think any person would put such vague unfounded matter in the paper - he supposed it would create an answer in that case it would have raised a cross correspondence which would have amused the public & filled his paper up with but very little trouble to the editor -



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I spent a bit yesterday to Mr Barber (who is to do the repairs to the ship) to send another to day he sent me word he could not but would tomorrow — Mr Macart's came to my house to day & told me that there is a fine large ship for sale & wished me to be in the concern with him. He purchases her she has made one voyage to Europe only, is coppered & a good ship I told him I was going across the river to dine on board the ship 3 sisters & I would indeed to see her & perhaps we could do some thing about her — the officers on board have sent on shore for iron to day & they come on pretty well in the rigging way — Capt Jackson called on me to day — Mr Donnellson came here him & my self went to gether a crop the river & dined on board ship three sisters Capt Lobel of Boston (this is the ship that Capt Cathcart died on board of at Cape Devora upon outward passage & his mate Mr Lobel took Mary proceeded to Bourbon & Minella & here) Capt Do-

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has been loaded & sailed & got as far as 15 N latitude sprang a leak & put back he supposed it was in her hunds but not finding it there unloaded her & she is now in dock he finds her keel to be very much eaten indeed, it was not coppered down & no shoeing under the keel is the cause, which — when she was first built (this being her first voyage) this expense might have then . . . . been saved by putting say 100 dollars more of copper. now it will cost them at the lowest calculation 20,000 Rupees, besides all the lost time — is or was passenger on board her Capt — Camel of ship Venus from Boston belonging to Mr The Heron this ship Venus was in a much worse condition than the 3 sisters as she came from Boston (a very nice little ship & a very fast sailer) upon her single bottom neither sheathed nor coppered a most careless piece of business & unpardonable in any man at this time of life she made out to carry her self as far as the Coast of Malabar where she was in so bad a state that Capt Camel thought it most for his owners



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Today 22<sup>d</sup> interest to see ship & cargo for the most he could obtain & he had it onboard the 3 sisters when put back — the 3 sisters is a very fine ship say 300 tons coppered & is very sharp — 6 or 8 Americans dined onboard of her with us the 3 sisters is in dock which could take a much larger ship but not 2 small ones it cost I am told 3 lack of rupees (a great sum) & I think a much better one could be built in Salem upon a much more expensive plan for 15,000 dollars — I did not see the ship Mr. Macarty talked about as when we went we was much a loss her & when we came home it was night — (I shall in the morning) — my Banier has bought me some more white cloths & a large quantity of coloured handkerchiefs mock puliaat &c we shall begin to pack — on Monday next & the have brought considerable goods to the house — I am in hopes we shall have all the Iron out tomorrow in that case we shall have the ship ready to leave out next week — & perhaps finished.

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Went on board ship to see how they come on they find several of the topmost shrouds gone & bol. stay also. they have overhauled the fore rigging & found it all good & have put it over mast head again — I expect to have to buy some new lanyards which I shall put to the main rigging — they will send on shore the greatest half of the Iron today — I went in the Denny up on board of the Ship Richmond of Philadelphia — Cap. Hathaway he is quite unwell relaxed — he has a very fine ship I believe 450 tons — her carved work on the stern is most excellent indeed & a most beautiful stern in fact there is no english ship that can show such good neat work she cost I hear 30,000 dollars copper bottom — boots & sheiks in the bottom — on passing up I saw the ship Mr. Macarty was speaking about she is a very excellent ship built here say 700 tons is called the Superb, copper bottomed all rigged a round house & a very excellent ship indeed but not handsome I fancy she will go high but I don't think they wish to sell her as they appear to be.



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Saturday 23 filling her out as they have a good maner hands on day  
at work she is a ship of a great burthen a tier of  
ports I think a dul sailor - in fact a good beast  
burthen - - - from the Richmond I came home  
W. Minot called on me he is just from Salampoor  
a Danish place 15 miles on the Larboard hand up river  
we had a tiffin he wished me to go out & dine with  
W. Macarty (but I could not) & talk with him on  
the ship I think he wants to get a ship much  
in consequence of my having thoughts about the  
above ship when I went out in the morning  
left orders for my Banian not to buy any more  
goods & on my return I found he has obeyed  
me I dined at home & alone the general time  
of dining here is in part 4 - a 5 a 6 o'clock by & by  
days will be turned up side down (the world has  
been so this some time) however it is the custom of the  
country & all foreigners in general comes into it in time  
as it is more natural to suppose that strangers will  
into small inconveniences than that natives will give up  
old customs and rig

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Pleasant - most beautiful weather no rain not even  
a threatening cloud for it no tides at all since we  
have been here it is not so strong as it is in Bordeaux  
but now is the best time of the year in the fourth  
West Monsoon it runs very strong indeed - - -  
late in the morning I went onboard (on going down I  
met with Capt. Bobel & W. Donaldson coming from Christy  
ship - being Sunday nothing done to day onboard the  
greatest half of the people I advanced £1 - I. S. W. -  
£1 - I. S. W. & the carpenter all some money in & three the  
Dubash) are on shore upon liberty - they have the ship  
pretty forward the fore rigging is all done & over head  
the bowsprit rigging is all fitted - the M rigging is  
not yet lifted we shall want all new lanyards to the  
main rigging & I fear some other new ropes which is now  
at a high price - I stayed onboard some time came home  
at 1 Capt. Jackson came here stayed till 4 I went &  
dined at his house with a number of Americans at 5  
tarried there untill 8 came home & amused my self  
a little time & turned in Christmas eve



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Monday  
To out boats along side early this morning in order<sup>ed</sup>  
to have the Iron all out before night if possible & <sup>if</sup> <sup>not</sup>  
had it all out of Ship & on shore before night &  
now the ship is all clear except her stores & which I shall  
send about for in the morning as it will be much  
cheaper to put all her stores, spars, sails, cables, &  
casks & other small matters in a boat than it will be  
to transport them to shore & to store them I think that  
by Friday the ship will be all ready to haul along  
side the hulk to leave down & the next week finish  
I hope. The black merchants have brought a great  
many bales of goods to the house & my people have  
gun to pack to day made a beginning & that is all  
to day is Christmas day & is quite a holy day among  
the English nothing done by them or not much  
received a Chat from our Consul Mr. Veller to dine with  
him a Garden reach to morrow 4 miles from this a pretty  
good ride in a palanquin. — not much amusement here  
as you must always have your palanquin after you &  
general ride in it which is quite too large an exercise  
If you wish to go to the Theatre you must pay 16 rupees

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I received a Chat from Capt. Nobel requesting me to be on a  
survey of his ship's sisters at so I called on Capt. Jackson  
& we went over to gether she is in dock the other side  
of the river & several master carpenters there also  
her keel is so very bad that they are obliged to shore  
her up as secure as if they were just building her  
all a long under her bottom & her keel is so far gone  
that as she sets upon some of the cross planks which  
are under it they have sunk in to it 64 7/8 inches  
(her keel not being coppered down to its lower part  
by 14 5 inches neither had it any shoeing on it)  
the worms have gone from the bottom up thru it it is eaten  
all to a honeycomb in some places you can haul it away  
by your hand. her stems bad but not so much — the  
garboard streak aft very bad — a small place on the stern  
post is bad — her rudder too — & some places on the bow  
where the copper is off is also eaten (every way else a  
very good ship & appears to have been a good deal of pains  
taken in building her as she is copper bolts & spikes all  
under the bands & in fact a great expence upon her



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Tuesday

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But they hurt not only her goodness but her looks by laying her counter too low) & in fact she is in a poor situation because it is so difficult to put a new keel into her which she must have in consequence of which they are taking out the old one (I mean what is left of it) as the worms are thrown it into the water (which was started in her runs threw a full keel in a dozen places 100 Dollars in copper when she was first built would have saved the owners at least 20,000 rupees as they will loose the by it however I dont think it was not done with a view to save 100 dollars but threw carelessly is a great pity for she is a good ship - (my ship is coppered but her keel is not coppered all down but then we have a deep shoring on it & we had a tiffing on board the 3 sisters then came I found my Banian very busy overhauling goods & packing them up I make him be very particular in examining the goods & very careful in packing of them up that they may not be damaged on

Capt Dohel. Capt Camel the Doctor of ship. Richmond & myself all met at Capt Jacksons when himself & Mr Donaldson & the rest of us all went & dined at Mr. Mellers (our Consul) according to an invitation 3 English <sup>gentlemen</sup> also one by the name of Clark who was so very unfortunate as to be cast away on the coast of New Holland, he being supercargo of a ship called the Sidney Cove that sailed hence in Novemb 1796 for port Jackson & after a long passage arrived off the coast of New Holland, in February. there the ship <sup>suffered</sup> so much in a severe storm that it was found impossible to keep the ship afloat, the safety of the people therefore left no alternative but that of running the ship on the nearest shore. the crew landed on an Island at no great distance from New Holland, the weather becoming moderate, the chief part of the cargo, stores & provision where also got on shore. soon after the accident it was determined to equip the long boat & dispatch her, with an amount of the loss of the ship, to port Jackson. Mr Clark the supercargo, Mr Thomson, chief officer, & 13 of the crew embarked on the long boat, leaving behind Capt Hamilton, & the remainder of the



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Tuesday, 26 people. — A cargo on getting to sea, the boat encountered a violent gale, in which she was driven on shore, and wrecked on the Coast of New Holland, the people however got on shore entirely destitute of provisions, & unarmed, on a desert shore, here & there inhabited by ferocious savages, & distance upwards 500 miles from Sidney Cove the situation of the survivors just escaped from the wreck of the long boat, must have been indistinguishably deplorable, with a fortitude suited to their situation, the party began their hovel march for Sidney Cove on the second or third day after setting out, they were aided by a party of natives, who throwing their spears with great dexterity from a distance, wounded several of the unfortunate travelers. Mr Thomson lingered a day or two & died of his wounds, after a series of most incredible difficulties & distress, during a march of nearly 600 miles, subsisting on shell fish, or what else the sea beach occasionally afforded. Mr Clark & two others, the only survivors of the party, arrived

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Sidney Cove in May (they were 63 days in performing this long distance with a fortitude that does honor to the firmness & a resolution that was inspired by the hope of once more associating with their fellow creatures) — they were received with that humanity, which their unparalleled suffering could not but inspire, & in a few weeks they were restored to their former health, a Schooner was dispatched from Sidney Cove to the Island where the wreck lay, & she had returned with Capt Hammetton, & several of his people, & a cargo saved from the wreck, the Schooner was prepared to return for the remainder of the people & a further part of the cargo. Mr Clark is a young man say 30 — he came out as a passenger on Ship India Capt Ashmead from Philadelphia — & it is not 20 months since he was in the West Indies he has seen a great part of the world in a very little time & to his sorrow more of New Holland than any European ever has done yet or will perhaps this 2 or 3 Centuries to come — he appears to be a



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lively & sociably young man - )  
I sent boats a long side in the morning in order to take out all the things from the Ship in order to have her clear for leaving down & I find they have taken all out except a little ballast - & few spars which are upon deck - I desired Sherry to go & get some rope for all lanyards he could not find any to his liking but thinks he can make out with what he has on board -

Mr Sherry informs me that J. Johnson has been absent from the Ship 44 hours - just after he came to the house & told me he could not go on board just then he must have a little more money - I told the Dir to give him some & ordered him to be on board before sun down which he promised to do (I shall remember it) this is for my taking him out of prison ship at Gled (where he must have layed 3 months) as he said he wanted to get home to his wife & family at Philadelphia - did not get home from Mr Mellers until after noon & when I had got my tea it was time to turn.

# Calcutta River Hugly Dec 1797

Wednesday I find that J. Johnson did not go on board last night until 10 or 11 o'clock - Capt Young called on me to day to have a little chat on the times & lectures on heads &c - Capt Lawson called on me & in a little time Mr Macarty - & after Capt Young took leave the two latter began the discourse respecting the Ship we the other day had in contemplation they seem to be very anxious to obtain her & they think they can get her reasonable as they inform me the man is almost obliged to sell her but says that she cost him near 85,000 rupees but in that case I think she is much too high & above the value. I don't say she is not worth it I mean <sup>not to say</sup> that she will not fetch it as I think she will, however they have not been able to know what they can have her for - if we should buy her I fear we should be at a loss to find officers - & I find that my Banian has bought more goods than I had an idea of because in case I should take half of the large Ship I should want heavy articles such as sugar &c - to be able to fill her up however we could not conclude upon any thing at present as matters stand as we have nothing to form our judgment upon & was



# Calcutta River Hugly Decem 1797

Wednesday obliged to put it off at the present & Mr. Mearns  
 27 invited me to dine with him the day after to morrow 178  
 then we may be able to make up our minds —  
 . look the dandy & peeped up the fleet some good looking  
 ships <sup>some</sup> monsters appearantly the Superb is a good ship but  
 ugly one she will carry a great burthen but sail at a great  
 expense — I went on board ship & find they have got  
 the M rigging overhead & small lanyards rope which I  
 don't like & shall have them remove & receive larger one  
 8 she is all most ready to leave down I shall send the pilot  
 on board to morrow to move her to the carpenters yard.  
 My Banian has packed 5 bales white cloths to day which  
 with the 10 the other day makes 15, poor work at present  
 however they are hardly under way as yet the workmen  
 does not come to work untill 10 & leave off all most when  
 they please — one European can do as much hard work as 4  
 of them — I dined at home & alone to day  
 here is only (Americans) her ship 3 sisters Robert of Boston  
 Richmond Hathway — John Jackson Philadelphia Barter right  
 our selves — all ships — Jackson sails in 8 or 10 days

# Calcutta River Hugly Decem 1797

in the morning, I felt quite unwell & relaxed. I went in  
 my paterfamilias down on the esplanade & had a look at the  
 ship & saw that the coopers are not done yet I sent a  
 pilot on board but it was too late to move the ship  
 of course we must postpone it untill to morrow  
 Mr. Sherry came on shore & got country rope enough  
 for main lanyards the rope is very good made from the  
 country hemp but no tar in it — my Banian has  
 packed 7 bales white cloth only to day — such a slow  
 set of fellows & there is no driving them it makes  
 me mad to see & hear them — I went in my  
 paterfamilias to Capt. Jacksons he was not at home (&  
 Mr. Donaldson — Capt. Crowell Capt. Lobel are gone up  
 to Salampoor) but just after he called on me & then  
 Capt. Young. I had a little chit chat about old  
 times they stayed some time & went away — I dined  
 at Capt. Jacksons with — Young & Carnel — On  
 coming home Capt. Carnel & my self called on Mr.  
 Davis this is a young man of Philadelphia who came  
 out with one Capt. Sams of that port in ship same



# Calcutta River highly Dream 1892

# Calcutta River highly Dream 1892

Thursday 28 6 years ago he has been to the North West of America & all most all over India he is now very unwell in 29 confined to his bed. his body thighs & legs are full & amazingly & the fingers on his left hand he can't r up at all his legs & feet are at times in such a deadly pain that it is all most beyond enduring. then such shoots of pain runs athwart his feet that it all most distracts him in his face he looks pre well which he accounts for in this way that all blood from his legs & body has risen there. He is ~~possessed~~ of a good share of spirits & appears to bear it well as we could expect. He can now at times be to be carried in to & take a ride in the palanquin by his appearance I think he has been a very lusty man & a healthy one. He tells me he caught cold in the open air which is dangerous in this country. Strangers - In past 9 I came home & not feeling well I thought it best to be in & go to sleep.

the pilot went onboard early in the morning & hove up the anchors & dropt the ship up a brest of Mr Barbours yard but without all the shipping & in the middle of the river & would not take her with in - to the bank - I would not thank him to do what he has done the reason I had him at all was for fear that if we moved her without one & got foul any ship & damaged her I should be obliged to make good the damages but there was no kind of danger in dropping her up in the middle of the stream the danger in fact was taking her from where the pilot left her in to the bank which the mates did after the pilot left them - he was not long onboard however 25 rupees is what I must pay him - the hulk we are to have is employed by another vessel she will be done in a day or two in that time we shall be all ready - she has a little ballast in yet which we must have out & her spars are on deck & other trumery which the



# Calcutta River Mugly Decemr 19

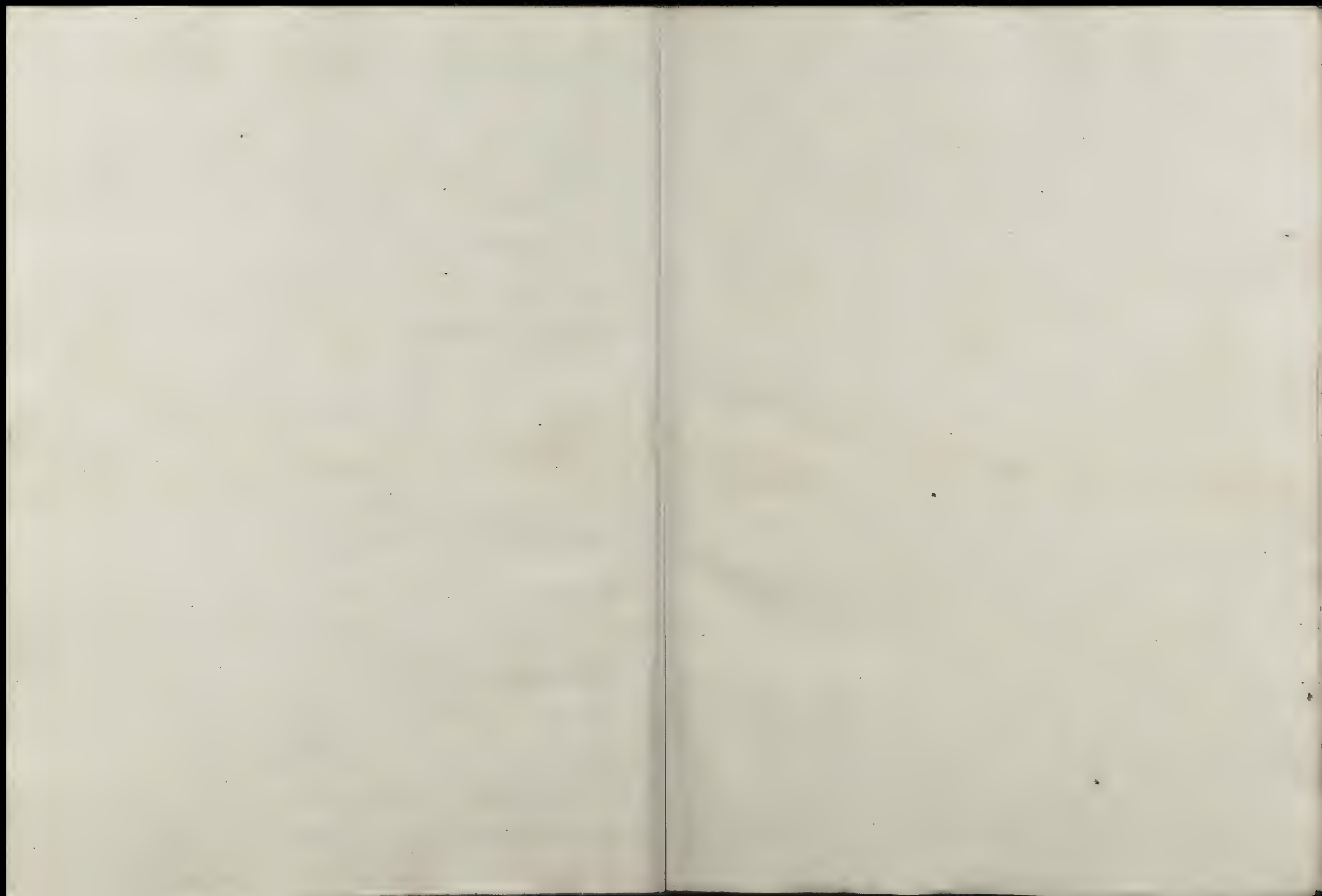
Friday  
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with will hold — my Banian has packed seven  
bales of white cloths — & four Bales blue handkerchiefs  
to day which is the best days work yet — & one bale  
pulicat handkerchiefs containing (3 different sorts &  
prices) 56 of the first — 38 second — 168 third — pieces  
have 3 pieces which I have left out of the first set  
beside the 56 pieces — & they have overhauled some  
more goods which will be packed to morrow —

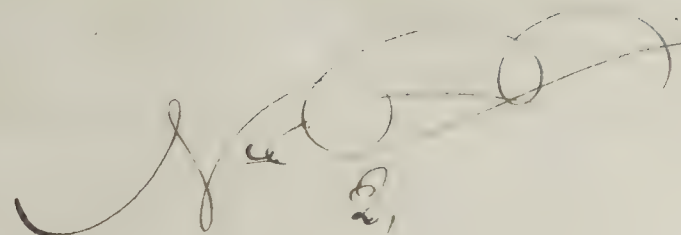
I dined at Mr Macarty's & he & Mr Lawson talked  
about the ship we had in contemplation but they ap-  
peared to waver the ship & introduced a large snow-  
was taken from the Dutch by the French & carried to  
the France bought & is now here I know her to be  
a good strong well built vessel she may carry 400 tons  
by these account they cannot buy her to stand for  
in less than 17,000 Dollars which is more than she  
worth however we concluded to look at her in  
morning, I did not come home untill after 9 & not  
feeling very well I turned in.







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Ship Belisarius

third voyage



Calcutta, 11th Aug 1833

My Sanian has sold my Iron to day at 8 current  
30 rupees per one factory mound, a current rupee bears  
this proportion to a fauca one - 116 current is 100 fauca  
the dollars at 100 for 212 fauca rupees - a factory  
mound is 74 $\frac{3}{4}$  English & a Barah mound is  
82 English - at one & two months credit it is  
not dear if I can obtain my first cost, after paying  
all charges I shall feel content - I have not been able to  
do any thing with my cotton at present & hardly know  
what to do with it it takes up so much room in the  
ship or I would take it home with me - however  
I must do the best I can with it -

when I was at Madras last July I sent on to Messrs  
Mortie get more 26<sup>th</sup> a Government Bill of Exchange  
upon this presidency for 73483.4.8 current rupees at  
30 day sight in order for them to get the same excepted  
& receive the sum when due & for them to keep it  
until I should come to Bengal but subject to my  
or my owners order but that they might make



Calcutta River Hugly Decem 7

use of it & allow me the interest & when I find  
they engaged me they had received it & would  
me interest for the same. I told them "should  
want to make use of it this 15 or 20 days hence &  
I would draw the same out of their hands by  
small sums they said it would suit them  
better so to do - yesterday I gave to my Bank  
an order for him to receive from Messrs P & H  
the sum of 10,000 fadars as they referred him to  
their Jassar & he said there was no money in the  
chest at present but would be in a day or two  
money is very scarce in deed now  
& 73483 fadars will come hard from the  
first merchants in Calcutta. However as it is  
money I lodged with them upon faith of its being  
returned when I should call they must of course  
raise it for me some how or other. & I feel con-  
fident that they will do it at any rate.

Calcutta River Hugly Decem 17

130 Capt Lawson called on me to go & look at the  
Inow we talked off yesterday - we went over the  
river where she lay & with a rank heel they have  
took off some of the copper on a line fore & aft it was  
thick copper as I ever saw on any vessels bottom & is in  
good order they have took out 2 plank in the buttock  
which was broke in bending, too & of course rotten when  
the water got in - we went on board & in the hold  
her work looks very fresh indeed & she is a very strong  
built (she was built at Batavia for the Company)  
vessel deep in the hold rather low between decks a  
kind of a round house or high quarter deck & a low  
top gallant fore castle & her hull in good order her  
standing lower rigging good other ways very fair  
indeed & in fact she wants every thing & would be  
a dear ship even at a low price as she now stands  
I should suppose she would carry weight & measure  
nigh 400 tons but we found she would not  
answer our purposes therefore we have left her



Calcutta River Aug 15 Dec 1779

Monday 30. as we found her neither better nor worse from <sup>day</sup> we went to see the 3 sisters it being close by we went under her bottom they have taken on all most all her keel & the greatest part of her stem intire she is in a most shocking condition I think they will be a long time about it & will be a very expensive job indeed. Mr. Burt informed me that Capt. Tobel is not coming up river yet — then we came on board my ship & the mates were just sitting down to dinner & it got down & had what they call here a tipping & find the hulk is not come as yet but if she come this morning we should have been prepared to have the ship heeled out in the morning but we shall not so I told the mates that as tomorrow is Sunday & that the hulk will not be a long piece might let the people have Sunday to themselves I intend to loose one day that I may gain by in the end as they expect to have that day they

Calcutta River Aug 15 Dec 1779

day I wrote the Bishop for it — when we came aboard Capt. Dawson said we must give up all thoughts of the snow I thought that he would wish to intimate that he did not wish to purchase a vessel which upon the whole I was not sorry for & on my coming home I wrote a hint to Mr. Macarty that I hoped it would not be any disappointment to him in my declining to be on the pursuit of purchasing the snow or any other vessel he sent me back only compliments — in consequence of these persuasion I have not bought any goods since Tuesday 21. — which was the first day I purchased any however I have not lost time as the people have not packed all I then bought — but it ought to prove to them that I was in first to buy a ship with them if we could suit our selves but as we have been thus 8 days in pursuit of one & are in the end no nigher than when we first began our pursuit after one therefore I think that I have a right to withdraw my intentions & to give up all thoughts of buying a ship — & as it seems is if they will



Little River Aug 17 Decem - 179

Wednesday

inclined not to purchase. In consequence of which  
32 wrote the above sheet to Mr. Manasty - & all is fine  
I went to Capt Jacksons (his mate was there but  
went away) & in a little time Capt. Camel came  
we had a little chat but I did not stay long  
invited them to dine with me on Monday - & de  
them to invite the rest of the Americans if they saw  
to night as it is expected they will come from  
river to day - I find my Banian has purchased  
seven bales white cloths & eight bales muck  
cats to day & they have overhauled a good many  
more handkerchiefs which of course will be packed  
to morrow. I believe that Capt Jackson in ship  
of Philadelphia will be able to sail in 2 or 3 days  
she came here by the way of Hamburg. I shall  
write by her as she will go direct for Philadel  
& Capt. Carteright will be the next to sail  
for America she is a small ship called the & ends - Saturday

Calcutta River Friday Decem

Monday

31

in the morning, I gave a memorandum to my Banian  
a memorandum to have made for me 3 or 4 different  
sorts of rigging for ships use & told him to send up  
river & get me 10 or 15 bolts duck for ship & sometime  
as our sails want a good deal of repairs - & I shall  
take them up to the house where they can have  
more room to spread them - Mr. Sherry  
came to the house & told me that the carpenter told  
him that he fears they cannot have the hull this  
two or three days yet I am very sorry as by tomorrow  
the ship will be all ready to leave out  
Capt Jackson came here & wanted to sell me some beef  
& pork he asked 40 R for beef I told him it was too  
dear & would not buy it & he went off - Capt Young  
came & invited me to dine out with him we went out  
2 miles in his buggy he lives at the house of an old  
Gentleman who was there it is quite pleasant - no  
goods packed to day but they have been overhauling  
more handkerchiefs when I went to dine out



the little river by 2 o'clock 1797

under

31

to day I told the consumer (which is the man<sup>10</sup> who buys all the provisions a man you must have a man that will make money out of you) that as I should not be at home to dine that he might give the dinner to some of the ship's crew it was proverbially some of them would be here to come. 3 or 4 of them they after dinner went away very well satisfied but John Brandenburg (ever since we have been in port has come on shore & fairly stayed at the house all day & gone on board by dark when I came home after 7 I went to go to the napsary but could scarcely open the door & found John there asleep the situation I saw him induced me to think he had been in liquor or liquor had been in him but he wished to make me believe it was other ways the consumer told me that he believed he was drunk as he had seen him with wine to day now this same John

Calcutta River by 2 o'clock 1797

ever since we left the Gulf of France has been shocking bad with the venereal disorder & not capable of doing any thing on our arrival here I made him go to an English doctor for some time but he told me he had found a Black doctor who would cure him for half the sum that the English one would & wished of me money enough to pay off the first one I told the Jewar to give him enough as he did I don't think the first done him much good but I feel sure that the black one has done him a good deal of good & he is on the mending hand fast & now for the careless fellow to go & get in liquor (I never know him to do so before) & to lay down & sleep in a place floored with bricks & covered with mud very wet indeed but there is no accounting for the carelessness of some of these kind of people - advanced Isaac Gidding by the Dubash 20 Rupees the black merchants left the house sooner to day than common as they overhauled all that is here to morrow they will bring more & we shall have what is now overhauled.



Calcutta River Vizagly January; Calcutta River Vizagly January 1798

Monday, New Years day. Mr. Sherry came to the house & told me that John Jays had abused the second mate very much in consequence of which Mr. Sherry struck him & said John called a boat along, & left the ship & as I suppose with a determination not to return as he thinks he can oblige me to pay him his wages & I fear he can which is to a considerable amount. He is a good sailor at sea but unruly in port. However if he leaves the ship (as he must) it is of no great consequence as we had one man extra. Capt. Jackson & Capt. Camel called on me with a paper certifying the situation of the ship 3 fisters as we 3. The carpenters where on the survey drawn up by the carpenter certifying that she wanted to have the w. of her keel taken out & the garboard streak & the next to it & her cutwater & stem all most up to the head. That in consequence of her being obliged to be supported in such an uneasy posture it would be necessary

to strip of all her copper on account of her straining the oakham from the name that she would want reworking all over her bottom & then to sheath her — but our opinion was this — that her keel must come out fore & aft & of course the garboard streak although it is not eaten but the keel cant be put in unless it comes out. (The garboard streak is very much eaten off) & as it is proverbally the carpenters cannot make good work in sheathing the garboard streak unless the next to it comes out that is fore & aft but not amidships we thought it necessary to take the former out fore & aft & part of the latter if it is found necessary & that the stem must come out all most as high as the ships head — but as the copper is pretty good all over her bottom except round the bows & some places below & a few places along on the crop of her bidge we did not think it necessary to have the copper off unless after all the other work is done it should be perceived on examination that the ship had strained & would want to be corbed in that case it would be most



Calcutta River Bridge Janu 1<sup>st</sup> 1828 Calcutta River Bridge Janu 1<sup>st</sup> 1828

Monday prudent,

1, to strip the copper off in places & to examine the sea <sup>very</sup> noise — I had to dine with me to day — Capt Browel  
it could be easily ascertained if she had straine  
or not — we then waited on the carpenter W  
Glas & told him this our opinion & he seem'd to be  
in so it & said he <sup>have</sup> ~~would~~ the haper attend to it  
wished us to call to morrow & he would be prepar  
to finish the business — we went on board my  
we found her all up in arms — preparing & all most  
ready to leave out we had a tiring — & then went  
board Jacksons ship John — but soon come on shore &  
went to Jacksons house but soon returned home & the  
my house evacuated & intirely empty when I left  
in the morning it was full of black merchants bu  
they having began to overhaul the cloths that I had  
agreed for my Banian found them not equal to  
muster & refused them & not being any ready to  
pay the merchants & labourers all left the house  
when they are all here they make a most low

1 Capt Harshaw — Capt Carmel — Capt Jackson Capt D. &  
W. Browport — Mr. Donaldson & Capt Harshaw's Doctor &  
I wrote a letter to Capt Cartwright (Shp. Warren of Nantucket)  
to be with us but he said he was previously engaged & did  
not come, it being new years day we spent the latter part  
of it very agreeable indeed & I believe to all of their  
satisfactions — Mr. Miller sent me his bill in the  
name of Tod & Miller for the purchase of another chief  
bought of him and to J. A. 331<sup>1</sup> 1828 I gave him a bill  
on Fairlie Gilmore & payable in 20 days but they have  
not sent me the money I sent to them for last Friday I  
think a little of it as it is money; I lodged with them  
that I might have it when I called for it but my  
Banian told me money is very scarce indeed  
from my house we went to see Mr. Davis we found him  
in much the same situation as last but in good spirits  
I stayed & saw the rest have a game or two at Billiards  
then I came home & turned <sup>in</sup> Capt. Browel promised to send  
me his horse in the morning that I might have a ride



Calcutta River Hugh January 12<sup>th</sup>

Very early in the morning Capt Crowel went to house with his horse & I rode him up to the bourse & rode him round it 3 times & then came home. Capt Crowel was very anxious for fear the horse would rear on me as these country horses are in general very vicious will rise upon their hind legs & turn sideways & run away with you if it is possible he said his horse was apt to be guilty of these tricks - but he behaved to me very gentle indeed once he turned sideways & began rearing but I soon brought him in the cor again & made him pass slowly as the race horse passed & when he found I was not afraid of him that I could manage him he would go very gentle without playing any tricks & before the morning was past I got so used to him I could command him easily that half the way home I laid the reins on his neck & made him canter while other horses passed him - which is very uncommon with these country horses especially those that are vicious

Calcutta River Hugh January 12<sup>th</sup>

on the fore part of the day my house was full of blue people with musters of goods & packing goods I believe at least 50 if not 80 persons you could scarcely hear your self speak these people that we buy off are not satisfied with those people who we appoint as indifferent persons to examine the goods but they must come & interfere these people & have a long harangue & then call a half dozen more from the furthest end of the room & then all of them together will make a terrible noise & must have the dispute out let the consequence be what it may however I sometimes am obliged to command silence & with a pretty high hand too & then it will be a dead silence for a long hour for they must obey Master for they would not affront him openly but will I am told cheat him slyly if it is possible & I fear it is too often the case I hear complaints enough to make me believe it is so these fellows keep very good accounts as they are always a writing there is 1 or 5 at my house constantly writing they set down on their legs & hold the book in the hand when they write very seldom rest the book on any thing but the knee



# Calcutta River Hugly, Janua<sup>2</sup> 1798

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Tuesday Capt Camel called on me to go & finish the certifying  
 2 cate with Mr Glas respecting the 3 sisters we both went  
 to his office but he told us he had neglected to let  
 the certificate altered but he would finish it in 2  
 afternoon & send it as we desired him to Capt Brown  
 where we are all to dine - coming out we met Capt Hor  
 we told him of the above & he & Camel went to the  
 Hindue & I came home to over look these black peep  
 that are packing goods - my Banian has bought some  
 more goods to day checks & checks handkerchiefs  
 to the amount of several blades - I have all the goods  
 very carefully overhauled first examined as to the  
 quality & goodness by the muster pieces - then as to  
 number in each piece or the length & breadth & then  
 by another set to see if there is any holes - spots or  
 any damaged by every fold of the cloth & if it is  
 in the least faulty we pass it by. I make 3 sorts  
 each that is A - B - C - I have them well packed

went to Capt Jacksons & had an elegant dinner it is a long  
 time from breakfast at 8 untill dinner at 5 & 6 which is ab-  
 solutely necessary to eat something between all this time  
 the English calls it a tipping the Americans a lunching  
 from Jacksons I went with Capt Camel to his house to see  
 what he bought ~~handkerchiefs~~ for & when he saw mine to day  
 he said they were not so good as his (I mean those  
~~handkerchiefs~~ handkerchiefs) I found by his accounts that mine  
 is the cheapest & when I came home I asked my Banian  
 (without telling him my reasons for it or that I had been  
 to see Capt Camels prices) if these handkerchiefs he has  
 bought for me are as good as those he bought for my Brother  
 Brown & he assures me that Benj has none so good as his  
 best price ones is 4/7/8 & he gives me his word that mine  
 is good & at a low price & I feel content thus far. at 12  
 past 12 I went to Jacksons & several of us who had mistered  
 there went to dine with Capt Brown where was the  
 same company that dined with me yesterday (except  
 Capt Mahanago & doctor) with the addition of Doctor Davis



Calcutta Riverbushy January 4/98

who is not able to walk a single step alone he makes  
the blacks take him to his palanquene he lay up  
the couch all the time his feet & legs has no hind  
feeling in them all the blood has left them & is n  
into his face & at times he has no pulse in his r  
but there you can just feel them up by his elbow  
yet he is full of spirits I have my doubts if he  
recover in this country (the best doctor here tells  
he can do no more for him) but am apt to think  
he would go home to America that he would  
recovering, on his passage & it appears to be his  
wish to go home but people now a days is grown  
so selfish he thinks it would be hard persuading  
any Capt to be troubled with him he appears to be  
heartly young man even in his present situation  
we spent our time very agreeable to day & particula  
at dinner 1... hands appeared to be well pleased  
passing the time so pleasantly, being all so far from  
home I came home before eight & began write  
the evening being most remarkable pleasant.

Calcutta Riverbushy Jan<sup>y</sup> 5/98

weighed some of the Iron to day 48 bars it weighed  
11. 0. 12 English weight which is 319.25 lbs  
price as per statement. I fear it will be short as it is  
rusty - the Cotton I dont know what to do with I  
an offer to buy of one pound of pepper for one pound cotton  
the pepper in America is sold at 27 cents the Cotton  
I feel sure will fetch upwards of 40 cents but it is so  
very bulky I think I must have it screwed here I shall  
save considerable in the room of it I care it none.  
dont know what better to do with it - Messrs Fairlie  
Gilmore & Co have not sent me the 10,000 rupees I sent  
my Banian after the 29 ult<sup>o</sup> - I dont know what to think  
of it - it is not the way we do business in America  
his Jewar had the confidence to offer to mine 2,000 rupees  
see the particulars in Saturday 30 ult<sup>o</sup> - My Banian  
is packed to day 13 bales of the coarse Mock pulicat  
handkerchiefs & has over hauled more & Co to morrow I am  
promised to have the rail sure if we do on the next  
day the ships keel will be above water - sleep.



Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

Wednesday.

I wrote in the morning Capt. Brown's servant came with horse & rode him up to the course & twice round it he went very well. & very steady I was back by 8.

I forgot to mention yesterday that while at (or rather before) dinner Capt. Doherty produced the certificate we were to sign respecting his ship it was now all to what we thought was necessary to be done or necessary to be done but it was made out in the afternoon & addressed to Mr. Miller our Consul is the person that does the business of the 3 posters I am not to be made as a certificate but it is material so long as it is the ship's true state.

James's father came here & was sent to the water & he offered to go on our ship & then he came here as before he would not be the same as of old I saw such a I then saw which they had a very good camel could not go on a ship being much faster person than I am. I then said I would not go to it

Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

trouble to make his boots & pantaloons if to be any or but I had some very nice coats of the same kind of pantaloons that I never wore but once and then I filled him which I gave him they were here and I had invited me to dine with him to day. I went down on board ship the hull is not come to day as I was positively assured of yesterday - the ship is or will be ready to day the outriggers is not for the main mast the blocks had the carpenter sent of where not for it but he sent of stuff for it but I am not sure how much but that for the main mast did not appear to me to be sufficient I told the mate to take it off & make it stronger as it is a small rope made in a grumet I brought over the board in the 4 parts or to support it with another piece of rope he has two shoes to his M mast & two outriggers & three large ring bolts under the bends & a good rope from the mast to the outriggers - to the fore mast I gave me outrigger with two ring bolts under the ends - but the damned hull is not come



Little River Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1850

Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> I sent it a chance if she does her  
3 now I told the mates to haul the jolly boat up  
on shore as she is not in a boat. - I see that  
John says is on board (he came on board  
having been absent) & with out liberty  
he told me that Mr Browning struck him & that  
wished his discharge which I told him I should  
not give him Mr Browning told me  
reason he struck him was that he went down  
the steerage to look up the snappers & John struck  
him & wanted to know what business he (I never  
saw John & in any way abusive & all ways do  
his duty) Land down there Mr D instantly struck  
him Mr D is a man of a very moderate disposition  
of an easy temper but if he sets a man to do  
piece of work he certainly must go to it & there  
not a man on board ship but what strikes him  
even John himself - only just now he has the due  
in him (viz John) & wants his discharge which

Little River Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1850

however he has no right to expect in the country  
but I shall consider of it - - then up came  
the carpenter he wanted his discharge I asked him  
for what he told me that Mr Sherry the chief mate  
could not agree that Mr Sherry had abused  
him & threatened him &c &c Mr Sherry says  
the carpenter abused him a day or two ago very much the  
carpenter in this case was very soon to risk it  
because he is a small man & Mr Sherry is a big  
man & when a man is excited he may in a passion do  
what he would be sorry for after I am very glad that  
Mr Sherry did not strike him because if he did once  
he would have reflected the blow I think to some purpose  
but I think Mr D is sometimes too hasty & there is  
to be an antipathy between him & the carpenter which  
has been brewing this some time - & if in stead of inter-  
fering with & doing things which the carpenter ought to  
do he would tell him to go & so & so & see that he does  
it & that it is done well he would not have any  
trouble with him - the carpenter is a little man



Orlatta River Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1848

... sometimes turned from house but I think he was  
... after I told him about his request is reasonable viz. he wishes me  
... his mortgage with an order for his wages  
... in Salem & he will find an other man  
his room. I shall think of it & I believe shall  
do it but if I do I shall be obliged in heart to  
... & the ship mate has fallen  
with the carpenter & the second with John if  
not there may be a quarrel between the mates  
which must not be in that case shall dis-  
... John & the carpenter.

I went from the ship & dined with Capt. ...  
& Nobel (as they live together) there was several other  
gentlemen then we went & they had several  
games of Billiards Monst & a French gentleman  
they played till 11<sup>th</sup> last 11 Monst & this French  
gentleman had left their money to my ...  
& of course I waited until they were read

Orlatta River Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1848

... to come over to the ... house but did not  
... my ears have weighed one ...  
of the iron 303 bars weighing 3,316 English  
which is factory mounts 484<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 32<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - sold as per  
Saturday last. my Banian has had a great many  
visit merchants here but done nothing only  
made a great deal of noise packed no potatoes  
overhauled some but they were not good to  
muster of course they were refused others that  
was agreed for yesterday another man brought of the  
same at a lower price therefore my Banian  
he had been deceived & would not take that.  
He bought first so there was such a terrible  
noise made we could not hear our selves  
speak all talking at once & mistresses brought  
from all parts of the territories but my Banian  
got the better after all but still it might have  
been all a sham - Patrick Gilmore & Co. junior has  
given to my Banian 8000 \$ (in stead of 10,000) the  
other he has promised to give tomorrow



Calcutta River Bridge on 4/7/77

Calcutta River Bridge on 4/7/77

Thursday - the carpenters for some time this morning I told  
his father sent him to tell me that the hull was  
estimated to be done side the ship to morrow & I  
wanted the copper sent down to the yard that  
might finish it & have it all ready that  
morning nothing wasted when we come to leave  
the ship out. I told the Secar to send it down  
as he was bought for me 36 sheets weighing 36  
m 2 c  
5.0.4 - mounds at 50 (1 more Barah  
shells for 55) Mr Donaldson came here & I  
introduced  
him to a Mr Beaumore who has an invoice of  
piece goods he wants to sell me for my Cotton  
gave him musters of the cotton he is to call the day  
after to morrow then I shall know if we can be a  
to have together or not. Capt Lawson came  
to see me he told me he has an Invoice of  
tupies, twilled Bandannas & Choppa remals with  
a number of bales of chunces of different sorts

that he would sell me cheap I went with him to  
these godown & looked at some of the goods  
I thought it would answer our purpose very well & I told  
him if he would send me the invoice I must see that  
I might examine them I would let him know in a  
day or two he said he would - I went to see Capt  
Jackson who I found quite unwell with the gout  
did not stay long Donaldson & my self went on  
board my ship in the morning & it was  
jumped overboard being as he had drunk & then  
did but just save him & when they took him up I thought  
him aboard he had several fits but soon came too I  
saw him & he appeared to me to be more better than  
when I saw him last & soberer & more rational they  
have the ship all ready now & as the hull is certainly  
to be a long side to morrow we must work brisk & have  
her out of the carpenters hand as fast as possible & make  
the expenses as low as we can I fear it will be large  
enough to make the best we can of it



Letter to Mr. Jackson

Letter to Mr. Jackson

from my ship we went aboard the ship John  
Chenab as it is the owner of her we did not  
see her before I came home I found  
that she was not the Invoice & musters & I  
found the cloth to be of a superior quality he  
bought her at the Company's public auction & it  
are cheaper than I can buy from the market there  
I think I shall take some of the chertres which  
reasonable & some are dear here over I shall come  
them on the morrow then shall be able to give him  
an answer a good many black people to my  
house to do overhauling & packing & to be but appear  
to be more noise than work a good many goods refer  
to the receipt about the price of some agreed for some  
days ago which my banian says he can buy cheap  
which I find he don't stand to his word in that  
respect more than the rest of the blacks - they  
have or will by night finish packing some  
checks & blue Gilla handkerchiefs

day  
I dined with Jackson there was Campbell & Robert  
after dinner came Brown who said he had been to  
my house & hearing of me here was one of the inducements  
for him to come to see Jackson I tarried untill 8 o'clock  
home - John & Johnson came & told me he was unwilling  
& wished me to give him some money I told them  
to do it - & for him to come on shore & live at the house  
& make the expence as little to him as possible he has  
come & sleeps here with J. C. Brandenburg  
my Banian has packed to day two bales of Checks  
course cloths & two bales Chanderagore blue gilla  
handkerchiefs which makes in all the bales packed  
(beside the one bale Pulicat Handkerchiefs) just fifty  
bales different kind goods - & of course different prices  
the canvas I sent for the other day is now come 10  
bolls of first & 10 of second quality it is tolerable good  
& will answer extremely well to shift into half worn  
suits & I find that my brother Benj. had Topsails made  
of the first sort for his ship of 550 tons - of course he must  
have a good opinion of it & I have so too & shall use it



Calcutta River Hugli Jan<sup>y</sup> 1898

Thursday

weighed some more of my gun today 537 bars and  
it weighs <sup>to get to</sup> 15 English weight is satisfactory  
16.38 and as per pattern last

came from Mr Miller 3 certificates for us 3 to sign  
the Carpenter who was on the removal of the 3 lifters is  
the first in every respect except these mentions  
in case the ship appears to be strained then to take  
off the copper & sheath her which the carpenters will  
be very fond of doing however it may be better  
to take all the copper off & in that case it would be  
needful to sheath her then to copper her

I expect that a good deal of the copper is off  
of my ship's bottom & there is a good deal of between  
the bands & light water mark & it is proverbially  
it is generally the same lower down I fear  
if she was sheathed under the copper I would not  
go to the trouble to leave her out but as she is  
not I must however expensive it may be it  
is a dirty job & a trouble some

Calcutta River Hugli Jan<sup>y</sup> 1898

early in the morning the hulk came along side ship  
but Mr Barber said that it would be impossible  
to muster the people to do any thing & if we did they  
would not be able to do one hours work & should be  
obliged to pay for one day we thought it best to put  
it off until the morrow & begin early - Capt Campbell  
& Doctor Kelly came to see me I invited them to dine  
with me to morrow Capt Lawson came here but went  
away saying he would call again seeing me very busy  
Kelly & Campbell went away Capt Young came here  
but did not stay long - Capt Lawson came again  
I bought from him an Invoice of Chineses in 10 bales  
of Exelant goods & two trunks of twilled Bandannas  
& Chopparomals the invoice almost 6,000 Rupees  
which I gave him an Order on Fairlie & Gilmore & Co  
at 30 Bays I having considerable property in there  
lands - Miss Fairlie & Gilmore & Co paid to my  
Barman the 2,000 Rupees due from the order of 10,000 I  
drew after days past - & likewise they have paid  
to my Barman 20,000 Rupees I drew on them



Calcutta River Aug 14 Jan 1879

5 This day which is but right as I placed the money in their hands that I might take it out when pleased in a few days I shall draw for more they will pay it I think — just as I was going the ship Mr Sherry met me at the gate & informed me where going on — on board then I did go — Capt Jackson came here but did not stay long — as I was sitting down at dinner Capt Go who when he went away in the morning said he was invited to dine out. I came & dined with him as soon as I had dined I went down on board to see how the things gear &c stands every thing in firm & good I did not stay long it being dark I went over & sat with Jackson a little while. 2 I came home my Banian has packed two Cales checks to day not many blacks here to day — weighing Iron to day 760 bars — 251.3.19 — is more 37%... Factory mound — as per value day last — I feel confident that the ship will be keel out in the morning.

Calcutta River Aug 14 Jan 1879

6 I went down to the ship early in the morning as the carpenter measured all his men & maned the bastion & have the ship keel out by 8 o'clock we find that a good deal of the copper is off more in the run than it is forward but we have concluded to keep considerable of it on on the bilge but it is off the keel fore & aft & the false keel or flooring is eaten very bad indeed which must cover off fore & aft but the keel itself is perfectly good fore & aft which admits of a remark that is the 3 sisters keel is entirely eaten through perhaps because she had not any flooring (& the bottom of the keel was not coppered) but as my ships keel had flooring when the worms got through that they could not renew there holds it was coppered down just as far as the 3 sisters & of course was obliged to turn — the flooring is eaten up — the carpenters got about a false keel immediately & to strip the copper off there have a good many hands but they don't work very fast — there is the ships company beside they will make a blow to day.



Calcutta River Augly Janu 1791

Saturday

6 came up from the ship as I must be among  
these black people while they are overhauling  
the piece goods at the house Mr Barber  
the Carpenter sent for me to come & look at  
ships bottom I went down & now it is well  
& dry the copper appears to be very bad indeed  
however I told him he must save all that  
can with propriety & take off that which is real  
bad which will be a good deal Capt Brown &  
Capt Mathaway went down to look at it &  
were of the same opinion that it must  
off as also the false lead must come out  
I came back to the house as it is as necessary  
I should be at the overhauling of the goods as the  
I should be to the coppering of the ship & more  
as they wanted which I sent them 36 that of  
copper 36<sup>6</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> — weighed 454 bars from  
to day 17<sup>7</sup> 1<sup>0</sup> English is factory mould 265.3.  
3 my Banian has packed to day 3 bales Mock

Calcutta River Augly Janu 1791

put out handkerchiefs & those bales of Chinoes that  
I bought from Capt Lawson came to day viz 5 bales  
Chinoes — & 1 bale ~~Sh~~ — & 2 bales ~~Sh~~ — & 1 bale  
~~Sh~~ — & 1 bale flannels — & 1 trunk ~~Sh~~ ities & twelve  
bundannos — & 1 trunk Choppa romals —  
& he (Banian) has agreed for more from the black  
people which will be overhauled to morrow  
Mr Beaumere called on me respecting my  
cotton but the goods he has he values very highly  
& says he has been in an advance this 6 months for  
them & he wants me to give him a great advance on  
them which I cannot do — I offered him the cotton  
at the Invoice as it cost me & to deduct from it  
300 dollars & to buy from him goods to the amount of  
10,000 rupees more than the cotton comes to & pay him  
the cash which is as much as I can do — he would not  
do it & so we could not trade together —  
by night they had stripped all the copper they intend  
to as high as light water mark (except a little) & put



Calcutta River Aug 14 Jan 1875

Saturday

6 put new on in its place they put chanam in the copper the ships bottom looks very good indeed I mean the Manx I do not see any worms at there must be new lead on the stem or centre we had one of the pumps down the main ha threw the low & deck but she made but very little water indeed none to speak of when she had finished for the day — then righted the ship, far as to keep the edge of the upper just out & they put on to day & let her stand for the night dined with me to day Doctor Kelby — Capt Hobbs & his doctor Capt Jackson & Mr Donaldson — Mr Crowl & Mr Crowford — & Capt Campbell. — Dr Kelby soon went away — Capt Hobbs came (having dined over the river) we had a very good dinner & spent our time very agreeable indeed & I think the company went away very well pleased which was not until 12 after 10. But in this we don't dine until 5 or 6 o'clock it is a late hour but it is the custom of the Country )



N<sup>o</sup> 2 - Letter Book - Ship Belisarius <sup>potatoes yams</sup>  
 Calcutta January 1798 -  
 third voyage - John Brownishier.

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the best time in our lives for a project that I have been anxious to see the day come for  
movement from this coast to America. & I am that as the ship was in a most anxious condition  
the best ship being to believe it is my heart's desire to see it safe & that his pockets  
be my mine. These safe & that his pockets  
you & his most sanguine expectations  
what have you done with which he ought to  
be and here before this his ship must have  
ready I am sure it ought to have been  
your coming and as for facing ship out  
in my baggage. If you have been away from  
nothing in particular & others but you may be too  
long & I am sure of it what God for his  
in like case you must expect nothing but to  
wishes & you cannot get any thing else  
you are being ship going home to take care  
I have left but as I write you particularly in  
last I have nothing more to add in that line  
but must be guided by what comes me  
I have it here to see that you are of matter  
I hope it will find you I must

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the situation of the 3 ships Cape Cod of  
I could induce me to have her kept out & find  
the father had been up entirely I have put a new  
one in the best of ship is just & ready  
will be great to what amount I cannot tell you  
the money I put in to what I have had is all  
ready & I have had of it 22.000 rupees but I am  
that the profits of gold for me are more than I am  
profit

W. G. Brown Esq. Field  
Salem.

Good-bye - Health  
for you  
John Brown Esq. Field  
Salem.



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Feb. 11. 1881

Amount In

Debit on account of the  
 1880-81. The balance on the 1st of January 1881  
 for the 1st of January of 1880 was some \$100. I have  
 with some of the 1st of Jan. I have paid to the  
 amount to pay.

1	Chas. W. Wagoner	Chas. W. Wagoner	100.00	100.00
1	James C. Cook	James C. Cook	75.00	75.00
1	Alfred J. Cook	Alfred J. Cook	1.60	1.60
1	Wm. C. Wagoner	Wm. C. Wagoner	75.00	75.00
1	Alfred J. Wagoner	Alfred J. Wagoner	75.00	75.00
1	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	10.00	10.00
1	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	4.00	4.00
1	Red Wagoner	Red Wagoner	1.00	1.00
3	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	8.00	8.00
3	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	5.00	5.00
1	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	1.00	1.00
14	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	1.00	1.00
3	Chas. Wagoner	Chas. Wagoner	1.60	1.60











honoured Sir

Calcutta 27 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1798

I have put off writing this as long as possible  
that I may give you the latest information - - -  
I have wrote you many letters from <sup>this</sup> the last of 18 inst.  
by Capt Cartwright Ship Warren of Nantucket - which  
contained the account of goods purchased to the N<sup>o</sup> 130  
bales different kind but principally coloured goods -  
- since that time I have bought & packed (in cluding  
the former N<sup>o</sup> of 130) goods to the N<sup>o</sup> of 170 bales - &  
this day have taken them all onboard - & have also  
bought & taken onboard the following articles - 68  
boxes sugarcandy 5 tons @ 11/8 a 12 1/4 per moun<sup>d</sup> -  
168 bags tolerable good sugar 350 moun<sup>d</sup> @ 8/2 a 8/4 it is  
dear - 93 bags Ginger 100 moun<sup>d</sup> @ 3/10 some of it  
have flowered loose - 38 coiles hemp white rope 95  
moun<sup>d</sup> @ 5/12 - 20 boxes Gum arabac 63 moun<sup>d</sup>  
@ 8/8 - I shall have money to purchas a few bales  
more of goods but cannot say exactly how many

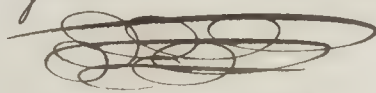


have hurried very much lately & it is quite a few  
days that have taken all these goods onboard ship —  
by this opportunity I might inform you how forward  
am & the prospect of getting away — am in hope  
to drop the ship down the Sunday after tomorrow —  
to follow my self, after the next day — shall take  
few more ropes — but no hemp or duck except for  
ships use — the ship will be flying light —  
good clean bottom & her sails in good order — & I  
expect a short passage home — if — I allways have  
found that when we would wish to convey our real  
sentiments easy the best way is to couch our language  
in the shortest hand possible — particularly at this  
immense distance we are asunder — — — — —  
something is in the wind I am sure of — which respects  
the Intrest & I may say the tranquillity of America —  
but certainly you are not (I mean the majority of you)  
all of you crazy — God for bid — — — — — well fir. us

have had no kind of news from Europe or America  
since I have been here — therefore I have a right to  
expect that we stand on the same footing with the  
obligent powers as we did by the last news from  
France via Isle France (15 June) — therefore I have  
nothing to guide me nor do I know how to act — what  
idle reports that are spread about here respecting France & us  
we have a right to suppose are circulated by prejudice &  
becked about by envy — I make allowance for all &  
think favourable wherever there is room to admit of it —  
— — — — — & after professing such confidence as I have that we  
are not to be feared — prejudiced — or persuaded to be in-  
volved in the troubles of Europe — — — — — to leave what  
property I left in Isle France on the outward passage  
& to pass by that place intirely threw doubts or fear —  
(the property I left there is perfectly safe — but I don't  
know but it is shipped home before this I hope it is)  
I say to leave so large a part of my cargo behind & to  
pass home — & to be asked well you have stowed & have  
brought with you all the property you left on the



outward passage — then to answer why no I was a fra-  
to stop I thought so & so — what would you say —  
or in fact what should I not expect to hear —  
then again should I stop at the Island & be detained  
we may be involved in some trouble or should a long  
embargo take place which is the extreme of what I  
what should I not expect to hear how should I feel & Merchant Salem —  
what should I not say to my self — but would there  
be room for blame — no where I am to act for  
what ~~what~~ I think is for the best — therefore this  
to inform you (by the fastest conveyance the 3 sisters is  
fast sailer) which is only repeating what I wrote you  
several times before — that you must be prepared  
I cannot nor will not go home without trying to  
the property I left at the Islands — if it is so  
for home in that case my tarry there will be as short  
as possible — if not shipped home it will be all ready  
to take onboard & of course I shall stay there as little

onboard will admit of  
time as the taking of it — & in this case if all is well there  
may be an advantage in coming from there — then it  
will be a real happiness to arrive home safe & I think  
with a profit — I would wish to learn on the most  
favourable side — . . . . . health your Son  
John Browninshield  


I have mentioned in two former letters how I have sold  
the Cotton to Mr MaCarthy — & here in coloured goods which  
have received almost all — & in the same number of  
pounds in the France — Cotton at prime cost —



Honoured Sir.

Calcutta February 6 - 1798

These few lines is just to inform you that the Ship is now dropping downriver & I mean to follow in the after noon - it is now very airy in the morning - & I have but this moment got my accounts from my Banian & of course have to make out the greatest part of my accounts - therefore Sir I can only say that here in is inclosed a bill Lading of the Cargo (part of it being my private adventure) having wrote you so many letters from this & having nothing new to add - but shall & I think ought to endeavour to perform what I have so often repeated - viz not to come home without first trying to get the property from the Islands I left there & to bring it home with me necessity pleads my excuse to



to abruptly bid you a due Your Son Leas

W<sup>m</sup> G. Crowninshield  
Merchant Salem

John Crowninshield

22. - I also wrote another letter of the same tenor  
date & enclosed another bill Lading also of  
the same tenor & date as the other

John Crowninshield

Calcutta 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1798

Capt. Singi

Sir

When I arrived on board  
Ship in overhauling the little money I  
had laid by in case of an accident, it was  
less than I expected, wherefore Sir, I have  
drawn Bills on my Owner, for the balance  
of Wages due those Blacks you prop'd from  
my Ship - 30. Dollars for Murray & 119  
Doll<sup>s</sup> for Jefferson, the 500. Rupees I  
delivered in your hands will keep them by  
you, and these Bills I will Guarantee  
shall always be good, lost or not lost  
their Cloaths I also send you

Had I sufficient money I  
would have paid in them & it being your  
own proposition Your most Obedt<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Crowninshield



Dear Dick

Sauger February 11 1798

I did not write you when I was at Town  
as I was very much hurried just before I left it.  
& now am in doubt if you will be here or not  
as I knew your ship to be ready & the time would  
allow of your being here some time past. I heard  
of your being at Philadelphia by Meany at  
the Fairance — you ought to have give him a line  
for me as I stood then in much need of infor-  
-mation — however perhaps Meany would not  
take one — there has been reports of our being  
involved in the troubles of Europe — however I  
feel confident that we are not we have no  
late news that we can depend on what little we  
have is perhaps prejudiced up against us —  
we ought to bear almost every thing before  
we are lured into the wars & examine without  
prejudice the traps & schemes that are laid to  
force us to quit our peacefull state to plunge  
us in to the War — we must with youthfull &  
becoming firmness that may make those old  
powers blush — vindicate our rights with



promote & cultivate peace with impartial sincerity good which he is deficient of by desertion — knowing  
then the powers at War will ~~care~~ our trade to be folly to complain to any powers here as there  
friendship with that honour that is due to a none that can oblige him to give them up where  
Neutral & a sovereign state — then shall we ~~flatter~~ there is no possibility of redress & after having his  
clear of all troubles — I cannot think we can ~~original~~ answer that he would not give them up?  
either prejudiced feared or persuaded into that ~~hard~~ them there wages — pocketed the hardship & came  
present War which has made such havoc in about my business it being done when the ship  
Europe — however you may rest assured that ~~was~~ was under way, by the tower got & I was down  
very next War England is engaged ~~where~~ there & going on board for the last time having finish  
obliged to be engaged also I say obliged because all my affairs &c —  
it will be unavoidable — — — — —

I have had two blacks Americans born Cook & my Banians Catesunker & Durgapersand Ghose  
Steward pressed from me by Capt Linzee of the (the other who was with them is not now anything  
Frigate Levisau they had no personal protection to do with them) can satisfy you in this respect  
but <sup>I</sup> showed Capt L — where in they had shipped — fully as they have accounts of all I have bought & the  
since I have been here have attested before the prices &c — they have done my business & I suppose  
American Consul that all the men I have ~~and~~ will do yours perhaps as much to your satisfaction  
my shipping paper are Americans & his feet as any others & more so — as they are sure if they  
the same all this (Capt Linzee) I inform him, should do any thing wrong to either of our families they  
he said it was all to no purpose he wanted 3) will loose the custom of every branch of it & on this very  
a 400 men & he was determined to have all men reason I ground my recommendation of them to you &  
he could take until he has made his crew think you may do your business very well with



them — I have been under the necessity to use  
most new copper the ship & have found it very ex-  
pensive indeed & in fact all the charges at Calcutta in-  
and you will find to be high — — — — —

Did your last voyage I mean the first part of  
was most singularly unfortunate indeed which  
believe me I was very sorry to hear but you know  
what Pope says what ever is is right — however  
I am glad to hear that the latter part of it  
was likely to turn out fortunate which will  
give me pleasure when I find it to be true

— having left on my outward passage a large  
part of my cargo at the Islands — I am loath  
leave it was it only to the amount of 10,000 <sup>Dollars</sup> — I might  
proceed home & leave it but as it is to move the  
doubt that I cannot think of passing by  
without trying to get it from there — but as it  
may be shipped home or remitted home by the  
person I left it with or disposed of other ways  
in this case I am in hopes my stay there will  
be only a short time — I am almost con-  
stantly at Tranquebar for news — a due

Capt Richard Brownishier  
of Ship of Salem } your Brother  
John Brownishier

Honoured Sir —  
23

Ile France April 15/98

this is not to give you any in-  
formation but simply to hear my self of any  
loss of opportunities heretofore as I feelingly  
hear you have computed much to my care-  
lessness — now my good Sir after you  
have received & read the letters of the  
following dates see if you justly can say  
that I have been negligent — no surely  
you will not but will say & honestly  
confess that you are much in my debt  
first from Bordeaux Novemb-25-96-Dec-  
1-Janu-25-97-Janu-26-Feb-1 & 2 to 6  
from Bordeaux then Ile France May 21-97  
June 4 & 10 to 3 — Pondichery 1 Aug<sup>t</sup> 97  
— Ile France Sept 9-97-October 5 & 6 to 3 —  
at sea Novemb 13-97 Late 10-40 S & Long 87 E  
per Capt Clark from Madras for Baltimore



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Keedgree Decemb 11-97 ~~Jan 12-98~~ Calce  
Decemb-15 97 Janu-12-98- & 17- & 18  
& Febuat 6 & another 6 which alltogether  
makes 22 (although I have not any done  
I will find time to have them & all  
regular) letters I have wrote home to  
& am pretty confident seveneights of them  
has or will arrive home safe - have I  
been so long from home that I have  
all influence amongst you I hope not  
but how happy am I that the proof of  
my fidelity (in so many letters) has gone home  
to vindicate me before I even arrived so  
that I stood in need of it - did I  
say vindicate - my God have I no  
person in court to vindicate me - Mary  
Mary Sarah & Jacob) Benj- Leck-

your self will - George by God if you  
dont you an old shipmate (I have all  
my old journals with me & have read  
them over & over again) I say George if  
you dont I will neglect the ship  
keep her looking like the Devil take her  
all to pieces which I am sure will  
hurt your feelings more than any hard  
names I could possible coin to call you  
- however when you hear that I ne-  
glect the ship then & not tell them  
shall I think I want a representation  
in my own house to vindicate my supposd  
negligence in the allmost only point  
you could hurt my feelings in -  
by loosing opportunities to give you in-  
formation what I am about - I



Have lost only one opportunity to write you  
 it was by a schooner I was en board off  
 10 days after I left Bordeaux bound to  
 Madras Capt Copia God knows I cant  
 say how I came to let it slip but  
 I had wrote you so often before & it  
 was so nigh home too — thus far  
 have I not cleared my self — Justice  
 — Approbation — envy — & even filene  
 nods in the affirmative — now I write  
 your self — 4 or 5 vessels direct from

Home not a letter I dont mean from  
 you in particular but my Brothers  
 what are they about withling things  
 on the wharf or what about — however  
 so proud that I <sup>have</sup> cleared my self it would  
 be ungenerous not to forgive you all but

depend a letter from you would have  
 given me great satisfaction indeed —  
 but I hear that you are all well which  
 I congratulate you on —  
 from Bengal you have from me very  
 particular accounts — but also  
 have this rough one  
 for you — George & my self as owners Bales  
 here goods different kind — Bales — 181  
 my adventure 12 bales & two trunks — 14  
 George & my self — — — — —  
 Bales & trunks 195

2000 Guney Bags	mound
12 boxes sugar Candy	143
10 bags Ginger	100
10 bags Sugar	346
1 boxes Gum arabic	63
13 Coiles hemp rope	215

for you — George &  
 my self as owners —

I left Calcutta 7  
 by way went to Tranquebar by 15 days did  
 not write you from there I arrived here this



day - I shall stay here as long a time  
as I possible can do with there is a lot  
off what I left here yet unsold I thin  
shall take it on board again. there more  
bags at St Dennis already fifteen  
(about) bags coffee after deducting Mr Ray  
for what he advanced me when I was  
before - thus far my stay will be I  
hope but short but calculates a long  
passage - bad weather off the cape & a  
hundred matters &c - nothing will  
pay a profit from America - don't send  
any flour millions of it here

W G Crowninshield  
Merchant Salem - }

Yours Son  
John Crowninshield



Honoured Sir

N<sup>o</sup> 26 -

St Francis April  
28 - 1798

as Capt Devoreux will sail tomorrow  
it is proverbialy he will be at home  
before me as I am this day going to  
Bourbon to take in my coffee there  
has been some disturbance there or should  
have sailed before. I have taken in 26  
bales of what I left here before there is  
a few broken bales which thought was  
best to leave - there now is due me at  
Bourbon (1000) almost 1100 bales coffee (besides  
the cotton due from Mr Maury) it is all  
at St Dennis if good weather while there  
will soon have it on board - in my other  
letter there some grand mistake I mentioned  
1500 bales due me it was wrote the first  
day I arrived but you must have perceived  
the error as by any common calculations you  
must perceived it could not be so much



1798.

Isle of Reunion May 5<sup>th</sup>

after I had mentioned the bales good and  
arrived Tue 15 inst - stops at Tranquebar  
the only article that will answer  
is Spica - Marthon in 3 days, told him  
at two barrels for 100 fuzes at very bad  
voyage - he spoke Mason off the cap  
was very happy to hear that Ben is  
arrived home - but sorry that you had  
kept the Brutus at home you could  
ought to have sent her out

Wm Fairlie Gilmore Esq  
Calcutta G<sup>r</sup>

The enclosed is a bill of exchange, the first on  
Mr W<sup>m</sup> Macarty for India Rupees 7027. I as an  
agent - be pleased to receive the same, and ship it  
to any part of America to J J of J. Crowninshield  
in good / comm. on / master - This bill is for orders  
received of Mr Macarty on Gent<sup>l</sup> here, which  
I have been obliged to protest - Mr M will pay  
you the customary damages in the like case.  
The protest is here enclosed -

Your Obedient  
servant  
John Crowninshield

calculate a long passage home - but they go for  
W J Crowninshield  
Merchant Salem  
Capt Ashmead Ship India in 2 days - desman  
and then most - from Batavia - Capt Dodge  
Ship Beres of Philadelphia was lost in the Straits  
(for Batavia) himself & a Capt Lane & most of  
crew were massacred by the Malays his ship was  
(Shaw) & a few of the crew were saved Shaw is  
on the India

May 5, 98 I sent a duplicate of the  
above to the same purport  
John Crowninshield



John of Reunion May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1798  
W<sup>m</sup> Macarty Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Calcutta Sir

The orders I received from you on presenting  
them, Mr. Martin said he had but about 4000 lbs  
Cotton of property of yours in his hands, & that  
if I would settle your accounts with him, he would  
advance me it on your acc<sup>t</sup> - as I was not author<sup>ized</sup>  
to settle your acc<sup>t</sup> with him, he would not let  
me have even this 4000<sup>lbs</sup> therefore I have  
protsted your notes and drawn bills on you for  
Rs 7027 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in favor of M<sup>r</sup> Fairlie Gilmore  
Esq<sup>r</sup> at sight, which I expect you will pay  
the protest I have enclosed to them - the not  
receiving the 13891<sup>lbs</sup> of cotton, is a disappoint-  
ment to me, as I have just now left in  
my ship to receive it

Yours  
John Crownshield





to containing charges

1 plz on 13391 lb of Cotton 139 <sup>th</sup> at 4 1/2 p. 32. 70 1/2	
1 plz on 60 Bags Coffee 60 <sup>th</sup> ——— 7. 30.	
Charges of the Bailiff 3.	40. —
of Regalising — 3.	16.
	16. Dollars

is ——— 97. 8 c.

Cotton due me 13391. a 4 1/2 p. Dollars

is dollars 3268. 50. — cash 212. 6929.

The bill is drawn for seven Rupees 7037. 8

I have desired Mr. J. G. & Co. for you to pay the  
customary due charges in their card, which  
I make no doubt but you will

John Crowninshield

Isle of Reunion May 5<sup>th</sup> 98

Dear Minot

I have the pleasure to tell you I shall be  
off to night, for my long wished for America  
when I hope you will be one of those days  
to your heart's content — have you obtained  
the specie for all your adventure, I hope you'll  
make a good trip of it, & return safe to your  
good friend — I must beg of you to take charge  
of a letter to him / Mr. Macarty / & another to  
Messrs Fairlie & Co. I have not received  
the Cotton I bought of Mr. Macarty — Mr. Martin  
tells me he has but about 12000<sup>th</sup> of Cotton  
all the property in his hand of Mr. Macarty's  
& he will not let me have even that, unless  
I will undertake to settle the accounts between  
him and Macarty & now could I do that? it is  
impossible. of course I have been necessitated  
against my will, to protest the notes & draw  
bills on Mr. Macarty for the amount due me  
in favor of Messrs Fairlie Gilmore & Co  
& I hope Mr. Macarty will pay it with  
the customary damages in their card



I go home with the room empty, which I have  
appropriated for this letter. — See

John Brown's sheet  
C



Sir

Salem 2<sup>d</sup> Aug 98

Mr Roupel at the Trance just

I came out of his house gave me two letters for you with directions if I should be visited by a man of war to leave them aboard of the ship & I was visited one & thought proper to commit them to the deep as I had been desired —

I have done considerable business with Mr Roupel & think that he has a friend for me & I have left property in his hands which was insured when I left the ship after I was out at sea I found a mistake in my bill with Mr R in pay favor of 300 dollars in the issuing out the amount of Cotton I had of him but it is no matter & I believe there is another error in my favor which I cannot see there unless I should see Mr Roupel but it is uncertain — Mr Roupel was in health when

I left there

Mr R Morin Providence

Your Obedt Servt  
John Crovinski

Dear Sir

{Andover} 1 Sept 98  
{Salem}

I am happy to hear (via Salem) that what few Bales we shipped to you are arrived safe & in good order (in consequence of which) I beg leave to trouble you — I am quite unwell (not sick) at doctor. Hittiger's & am sometimes at a loss to get a good saddle horse — I am fond of riding & think it would conduce to the recovery of my health — I cannot buy a good saddle horse here — & beg the favour of you to procure me a very excellent large high carriage — spirited — good looking — fleet horse — I shall not mind the price — providing he is good — also a good saddle & bridle — send him in one of the packets to Newport to be sent to Salem — the sooner the better — if I feel strong enough I shall be pleased to be in N York in the fall — be so good as to answer this by the next post — I hope you will excuse this trouble —  
Yours Obedt Servt  
John Crovinski  
Mr John Saunders



Julem Nov 1 - 1868

Sir I find you by Smith the following goods a Bale  
189 Pulicat Handkerchiefs No 179 containing 100 pieces 8 in  
each this bale perhaps is disposed of -

181 1 Bale Pulicat Handkerchiefs a broken one if  
efforted I fear shall lose the drawback No 181  
containing now 100 pieces 8 in each we have sold  
out of the same bale at 23 1/2 \$ -

186 1 Trunk chopas Romals No 76 - 101 pieces 7 in each.

187 1 Trunk No 74 - 53 pieces taffeta 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 white  
in ~~the~~ - 57 pieces twisted bandaneros 7 in each

the two trunks contains goods of the first quality  
bought them from the E company - the Romals  
have sold at \$ 6 ea - the taffetas at \$ 11 1/2 ea  
the bandaneros 9 1/2 \$ ea - look at them & get some  
persons to make an offer for them - I want to sell  
them you will oblige me if you inform me as  
soon as you can the prospect you have of disposing  
of them  
Y G S -

W Joseph Lee jun (Cp) - John Crowsins hied



Mr Joseph Lee Jun

Salem Novem 6 1798

for here is an Invoice lengths & breadth of the goods you have of ours

N<sup>o</sup> 33 & 35 is 2 bales Solathore Mamode each 100 pins 100 by 2 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 19 & 21 & 23 - 3 bales Tanaa copah each 100 pins 40 by 2 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 17 Tanaa Mamodee 100 pins 40 by 2 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 135 - 136 - 137 - 3 bales Guwahs 80 pins in ea 38 by 2 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 131 - 200 pins copahs - 105 pins 40 by 2 1/2 -

N<sup>o</sup> 193 - 50 portable cloths - 5 by 4 -

180 pins towels - 33 inches square

N<sup>o</sup> 50 - 53 - 54 - 3 bales Mochs 200 in ea 8 in ea

N<sup>o</sup> 58 - 56 Chintres 2 bales 100 pins ea - 32 by 1 3/4

N<sup>o</sup> 104 - ~~74~~ - 220 pins - 12 by 2 -

N<sup>o</sup> 25 - Blue handkerchiefs - 200 pins - 10 in ea

N<sup>o</sup> 115 Blue guwahs - 75 pins - 38 by 2 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 158 & 170 - 2 bales Checks 125 pins in ea 14 by 1 1/2

N<sup>o</sup> 57 Checks 175 pins - 14 by 1 1/2 -

N<sup>o</sup> 155 Mochs pulicats 200 pins - 8 in ea -

N<sup>o</sup> 148 Chintres - 100 pins - 32 by 1 3/4

N<sup>o</sup> 180 Blue handkerchief - 185 pins 10 in ea

N<sup>o</sup> 121 - 124 - a mistake in the N<sup>o</sup> - & the other coloured

goods we have not got the lengths or breadth - you may do the best you can with all of them & sell as fast as you can -

copy - J. Browninck & Sons

Mr Joseph Lee Jun

Salem Novem 6 - 1798

for the bale N<sup>o</sup> 179 which I told you perhaps was disposed of - was shared out at our custom house (I have those that I sent you with it) with all the necessary papers from here to save the duties - as I have disposed of this bale to Capt & Maraden he informs me he cannot clear it out I suppose it must be done by you as it was consigned to you but if the duties be less than 20 \$ perhaps the drawback is not recoverable in this case I must lose it if Capt. I cannot clear it if you will be so good as to do it you will oblige Yours

I have sent you the Invoices of N<sup>o</sup> 179 SBC - 104 pieces <sup>desired</sup>

not Rufus -

John Browninck



Capt Andrew Haraden . Salem Novem 6 1798

for the bale No 179 - was sent from here  
with all the necessary papers & consigned to  
Mr Lee to save the drawback - which is  
perhaps the reason you met with difficulty  
in clearing it but I expect to lose the  
drawback as I think the duties amounts to  
less than 20 \$ - but if Mr Lee cannot clear  
(but he certainly can because he has all  
the papers this customhouse in general give  
don't put your self to any trouble but to  
it & let the drawback be lost - I enclose  
a line to Mr Lee I think he can finish  
but if he cannot let the drawback be  
lost don't trouble your self about it -

your friend & servant  
John Brownishied

No 179 SBC - 106 pieces

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N<sup>o</sup> 3,

Journal Calcutta January 1798

Ship Belisarius -

Third voyage -



Collette River Trade Journal

Monday

Early in the morning I went down to the ship & they  
hove her out her keel above water 3 feet & then  
got about ripping off the flooring it is eaten up entirely  
but the main keel is perfectly sound & free from worms  
they had in the yard fixed a new false keel they  
brought it down & had it put on by noon then put  
bottom it & the keel a good thick coat of chanam  
& over it a good coat of damer then they flaked up  
the tackle that they might come to take the copper  
of above they took of a good deal but had not  
time to put new on before night these blacks  
do but very little work indeed I hope however  
that they will be done to morrow that they may  
be able to shift the gear to leave the other side  
out the next day but I doubt it it is a damn  
expensive job. — It then came to my house &  
made me an offer (I suppose for Mr. McCart) for  
my bottom but I declined it it being quite an



# Calcutta River Story by Jan 1/98

Sunday out of the way offer - Mr. Barreton a French Gentleman  
 7 then an came here & invited Minot & my self  
 to go to his house & have a tiffin we went  
 one with Capt. Lawson but did not stay, but

sent & got 10 sheets copper weighing 5. 1. 12 lbs  
 & 1 mound (Barah) Sails -

my Banian has packed to day two bales of  
 2 Chintres - & two of Chintres is 4 bales Chintres  
 2 to day they have bargined for more there  
 has been a good many black Merchants here  
 to day & noise enough - I dined with several  
 others at Capt. Jacksons but did not stay  
 then took a walk to the Billiards table the  
 others played several games I did <sup>not</sup> for one  
 very good reason I did not know how or  
 should have had a game with pleasure  
 came home & wrote a little I thought it best to  
 turn in

# Calcutta River Story by Jan 1/98

I went down a long side of the ship early but  
 8 the carpenters did not muster very soon they will  
 not come soon in the morning unless it is upon  
 a case of this kind they not thought the tackles (as  
 last night they where slacked up some) & have  
 her out so far as where they wanted to come at  
 the copper & then began stripping of the board  
 & I am sorry to say that a good deal of it is very  
 bad I leave all on that I can with propriety but  
 take all off that has holes in it & that is very  
 thin - they have not made much of a show to  
 day that is there is a good many Blacks at work  
 if there was as many Europeans they would  
 do more then 3 times the work if they bore  
 a hole one more must steady the gimblet & draw  
 ing nails one must stand by to catch it if one  
 sets (which is very often the case) down to  
 smooch another must keep him company &  
 in that way the whole day unless some one



Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1795 Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1795

Monday is looking after them the whole time which <sup>Monday</sup> & as much trouble as to do the work your self  
& you must look to them well or they will  
steal any small things that lays in the way  
& some goes so far as to search them when  
ever they go on shore it is easily done as to  
use all most as bear as the negroes is on the  
Coast of Guinea & other parts - - -  
she had not much of ~~ocean~~ a career to day  
so they did not ~~stack~~ up the ~~tacks~~ at night  
Capt. Robert called a long side the ship as  
was passing over to his ship the 3 sisters I be-  
lieve she is almost ready to come out of dock  
Capt. Lawson called on me to day & tells me  
that in the bill he gave me the other day of  
the chintres I bought from him there is a  
mistake in his favour of 40 odd rupees I told  
him it was very well & that I would give

him - M<sup>r</sup> Macarty came here to day & made  
me an offer for my cotton that is in this way  
to give me for the cotton one dollar for four  
pound & one quarter (the same as I gave for it  
& to give me an order for about 15,000 Cotton  
at Isle France the remainder he will pay  
me here in any kind of cloths but white  
cloths at the market price I have 12,000 cotton  
I agreed to his offer however I may or may  
not stop at the Isle of France for the 15,000  
but I think it is better then to carry the whole  
of the cotton home & in fact I am in doubt  
if the ship would carry it & what other goods  
I shall buy & the profits of the goods I receive  
for the balance of the cotton will be consider-  
able there for I presume I have acted pru-  
dent in taking this offer as it is the best I  
have had since I have offered it for sale



Calcutta River Hugly Janu. 1798

Monday

weighed 3 1/2 bars from 125. I. I. English is more  
bought 123 sheets Copper Factory mounds  
but it was too thin I told the Jewar to keep  
the thickest & send the thinnest back  
Barian has packed to day two bales chintres  
& 1 bale chintre — & two bales white cloths  
a good many black people at the house & a  
great deal of noise amongst them & they were  
quite high owing to some under handed deals  
amongst them — one of the people of Johnson  
is very unwell at the house full of pain  
J. C. Brandenburg is on the mending hand  
the ship requiring such little strain on the tail  
that the mates cast of the lashings of the out-  
gers & it is preparing to shift them the other  
side & I think they will be ready to morrow &  
leave the other side side out next day in the  
case we shall finish this week,

Calcutta River Hugly Jano<sup>r</sup> 1/98

9  
dirty in the morning. went down a long side ship  
they do tolerable well but not fast the copper we  
have put on below is pretty good but this we are  
now putting on above is not so thick as I could wish  
copper in general that is brought to this country  
is very thick for large ships or quite thin for boats  
the Chanam then put on the bottom under the  
copper is a great preservative to the planks & it  
will stay on a long time after the copper is off  
as tomorrow is a holy day & the carpenter tells me he  
don't think the blacks will work however he will  
try to make them. by night the larboard <sup>side</sup> was  
finished all but the ribbin on the upper edge of  
the copper they righted the ship & shifted over the  
gear all that they could & shifted the hull round  
to the larboard side & by that time it was quite  
dark I do not regret in any thing we are doing  
to the ship so much as the expence of this extra  
vigant hull at 40 rupees a day blocks & fall



Calcutta River Augly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1791

Tuesday 9 more enornas indeed — the rigging I agreed <sup>today</sup> for the other day for ships use one half of it was to be tared but he has brought all without its being tared — I thought that I had made for particular use was too large but when Mr Sherry came in the evening he thought not however I like it so well that I shall intend to morrow to agree with the man to make me 10 or 15 tons of rigging but then it must be tared if I think it will be very good.

to day the man brought the bread I agreed for the other day in bags weighing mounds it is in the house.

my Banian has packed to day one bale Burnage blue handkerchiefs one bale of five coloured Moor (blue) pulicat handkerchiefs the last is at 89

they are overhauling some more some chuntries that was agreed for yesterday was found to be not so good as msters of course we rejected them I suppose to me the man will take a less price for them

Calcutta River Augly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1791

An Armenian came to the house with msters of Shawheens & tapies but I did not want either he came I believe to make me an offer for my Cotton having sold it previous to this I did not ask him what he would have given — these men are all most as white as the Europeans & of a yellowish cast they are great merchants trade to large amounts & to foreign parts they are in general very rich & I am told they deal upon honour — & are esteemed much above the blacks.

Minet came here & had a tiffin, stayed some time he wants to go passenger with me but I decline taking of him for several reasons. — weighed 231 bars Iron 96" 6" 10" english — 144" 5" 8"

mound as per fatandas 30 rbt<sup>r</sup> — I was to have dined with Capt Browel but could not — in the evening Capt Matheway & his doctor came here did not stay long — Capt Young called in the afternoon he tells me they are fitting his ship out —



Calcutta River Hugly Jan 1798

Monday

10

I went down to the ship work in the morning & did not come away until 9 & then the head ca- ter I mean the Broom the contractor he is the nig- to the head man that works & even he nearly is on; was not come to work some of the blacks were there it being their holiday they do not incline work - but however after a long time they must about half their gain & careened the ship (not ha- ing hands enough to heave her heel out) & they all most all the copper off from just below lig- water mark up as high as it was - & by night they had new on where the old was taken off. this side appears to be worse than the other if it is possible along on the bow there is say 15 feet intirely gone nothing left but the nails but the bottom it self looks good & firm they have made a small show to day on the starboard side but if there had been as many Europeans as there was blacks I really believe they would have

Calcutta River Hugly Jan 1798

yesterday finished the whole side & these fellows have done about one third of it. some of the copper I bought last was very thin I sent it back & bought more from another house. we have not done much in the way of bus- iness to day my Banian has packed only one bale of blue handkerchiefs which is 80 but I have agreed for more chintzes which will be packed to morrow - to day being holiday the black merchants have not mustered very many of them to the house to day. what few have been here have not been much inclined to making bargains Capt Matheway & Mr Donaldson dined with me to day & then we went & took a walk down to my ship it was so dark we could see nothing that we wanted too therefore we went down on the esplanade & walked there some little time and Capt Matheway went on board his ship & Donaldson & my self came home it being rather late I thought it as well to turn in after - not a very good days work - viz not much goods packed



Calcutta River Bridge Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1798

Thursday  
11

I went down to the ship early & none of the Carpenters had mustered down they do as they please & as much as they please & you are obliged to follow & drive them about the same as you would a flock of sheep the moment you leave them they leave off working & set down. I came home

& got breakfast & by 11 the black people began to assemble to the house the brokers & Merchants & my Banian began overhauling goods & packing chintzes — they brought me musters of Good sugars & ask 8/10 & 9 refuse the mounds & my Banian tells me there is none to be bought & that it had fell since my (it did for a little time) brother Ben<sup>ts</sup> left here but it is much dearer & in fact there is not any sugar in Calcutta Capt Cartier who bought his sugar some time ago if he would hoist it out I dare say he could obtain 10/16 on the coast — the musters that was brought me which in fact is not sugar they ask 6/8 & for some which is not much better than Jaggery

Calcutta River Bridge Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1798

Friday

11

they ask 2/6 & I should prefer this at 2/6 than the other at 5/8 I want a little for ballast say 40 or 50 tons & must have it but it is so dear I don't know what to do — & for sugar

candy from 12/6 to 14/6 per mound (82<sup>lb</sup>) which is rather high considering the scarcity of money & for Ginger 3/10 which is not dear but it is very bulky —

Capt Hathaway, Doctor & chief mate were passing by & called in but did not stay long — Minot came here & has promised to give me 2 books of the Encyclopedia very excellent books indeed —

12 I went down to the ship they have taken almost all the copper of two streaks from the keel which was very bad indeed some of the sheets gone entirely & others all though very thick full of holes we take of some pieces that might stay on with a good deal of patching but the nails that it would take & the time to do it in would come to double the value of the new



Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Thursday

11 copper & the old copper will sell for considerable  
 it will be an expensive job but absolutely a  
 very necessary one ship being not sheathed  
 I called on Capt Carterright this is the first time  
 I have seen him (ever) he is quite unwell & has  
 been so this few days he tells me his ship is load-  
 ed with sugar he is now packing a few bales,  
 goods he will sail in the course of 4 or 5 days for  
 Nantucket direct by him I must write  
 got an early dinner & went down to the ship  
 again they have put on the new copper from  
 below three streaks up fore & aft except a very  
 few sheets with the number of (if we may be  
 allowed to judge from that) hands that has been  
 to work they ought to have done at least as much  
 again work in the course of the day as they have  
 done & yet the head carpenters are much pleased  
 to think they have done so much as they have

11 they righted her just at dark so much that the  
 tackles might not bear too much strain & at the  
 same time not to strain the ship she makes little  
 or no water to speak off — I told the mates that  
 I would in the morning send down bags to put  
 the old copper into that it might not be stole  
 My Banian has packed to day 14 bales Chintres &  
 two bales also of Chintres the last one is N<sup>o</sup> 96  
 I shall have a large proportion of Chintre but  
 it will pay as good a profit as any thing I can  
 carry home & is a small bulk — I shall take a  
 little sugar for ballast & the rest piece goods that  
 the ship may go home as light as possible — & of course  
 must expect a short passage — here is 3 Americans  
 that will sail in the course of 5 days — ship John  
 Jackson of Philadelphia — ship Richmond  
 Hathaway of N<sup>y</sup> — & ship Warren — Carterright  
 of Nantucket — neither of them sailors  
 the Warren certainly must have a long passage.



Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1798

Thursday

11

I made a calculation upon my Iron to day I bought<sup>12</sup>  
it for 158030 French pounds & 5 dollars which is  
to 7901 Dollar & 50 cents — by adding 8 per cent  
which is the difference between French & English m<sup>o</sup>  
170670 which is 1523<sup>6</sup> 3<sup>2</sup> 10 but it weighed here  
only 1464<sup>6</sup> 1<sup>2</sup> 22 (makes a loss of 59<sup>6</sup> 1<sup>2</sup> 16) is Factory  
mounds 2196<sup>6</sup> 26<sup>2</sup> 12 at 8 current rupees is current  
Rupees 17573<sup>6</sup> 5<sup>2</sup> 6 which reduced to factory rupees is  
15149<sup>6</sup> 7<sup>2</sup> 0 & this brought to dollars (at 100 for 212 rupees  
is 7145<sup>6</sup> 96 then deduct 2 1/2 % on cost & 1 % on Cost  
& 5 % on duties makes (which is only rough) all together  
286<sup>6</sup> 14 leaves 6859<sup>6</sup> 55 the net sale of the Iron deduc  
from the cost leaves 1011<sup>6</sup> 98 which is a dead loss —  
I have not yet calculated the (as there certainly is  
be a loss) loss on the cotton as I sold it per invoice  
at the first cost the loss will be only the duty &  
bring up to the house & a few 100 Rs

Calcutta River Hugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1798

I went down to the ship early in the morning  
& the carpenters have not come they don't make  
it down so as to leave the ship at much longer  
I lock & leave off early & work slowly however  
they will do it pretty well in the end but not  
so well as they would do it in America  
I came home before the carpenters mustered  
& at breakfast 6 10% 11 & 11. I mustered  
began to assemble at the house my Dancer  
brought me musters of jags & through 15 rupees he  
told me it has risen lately & Sonna leaves by  
also 16 this has fallen lately I shall take a small  
quantity of each nearly to try the market & to  
inform my self for an other voyage — they  
have brought musters of a good many different  
kind of goods Sandannons 2 110 & 115 the large  
or twenty pieces chooparomats 9 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2  
10 10% 11 each piece & a small quantity of a  
kind of handkerchiefs resembling the



## Calcutta River Struggle on 12

Monday  
12

Substant which are about 1000 on the day  
 coast of Crumandel more than any I ever  
 before the same pattern are a very good had  
 herd of indeed but very lately so  
 into the market of making them good judges  
 would say they are tolerable good pulchre  
 asks of a 6/2 a piece there is 8 in each but  
 in the real pulchre there is only 7

Harriet called on me to go look at the  
 Wilkarty is to give me for the Cotton I told her  
 I liked the goods but her Banian had not  
 made a price but told me he would in a few  
 hours Harriet & myself went to see him &  
 a living I then came home & went to overha  
 ing goods but they will not pack any but  
 the day been over hauling coarse handkerchiefs  
 of 16 lbs which will be packed on the morrow  
 with some other goods which will make a

## Calcutta River Struggle on 13

I went to see Harriet & down again but her  
 Banian was not ready I told him I would call  
 in the morning I came home & then went to  
 the ship I find they have taken the old copper  
 off from the 3/4 from the keel all most up  
 to light water mark it was very bad indeed  
 fore & aft however they have saved some of the old

Sheet & by night they put new copper on where  
 they took the old off but they do very slowly I  
 mean for the number of hands they have at work  
 at night they let her come up a little so as not to  
 bare too much strain on the tackle I think we  
 are on a fair way to finish to morrow which will  
 be nine days we have had the hull she is a  
 moth in reality I dined on board ship Richmond  
 Capt Mathaway with several of the Americans  
 we spent our time agreeable & returned in air

Calcutta, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1768

Calcutta, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1768

13 I went at 9<sup>th</sup> in the musters of goods at Mr. Macarty's there but saw to have of him for the cotton & sold him some time past but his Banian was not come I went down to the ship & they had but just got fairly underway with all the carpenters a large lot of fellows however thank God they are in a fair way to finish today I mean as to be able to discharge the hull which we had had 9 days at 40<sup>rs</sup> per it is too much to be I came home & then went to Mr. Macarty's & down & found his Banian Ramtong & overhauled the musters (I thought that the goods where to look at had been laying in his shop some time so I was not very difficult about the price as I told Mr. Macarty if he would buy my cotton I would take his goods at his own price in reason) & found them meddling & the price although high not extravagant so

13 I put by those which suited me & on coming home I found a man taking away from my house his musters that we had agreed for & asked when he was gone the reason of it & my Banian told me that the man had sold them to Mr. Macarty for more than what I bought them at I then found that Mr. Macarty had not these goods by him but was buying of them - I immediately went to his godown & told his Banian I would have nothing to do with them untill I saw Mr. M. I told him the reason of it he told me I was mistaken & that no man had brought goods there from my house but I told him my eye was not so easily deceived & that the man had left my house a little before I did & that I had seen him at Mr. M. in the morning he desired me to describe the man I did but he then absolutely denied having such man



Calcutta River Bridge Jan 1898 Calcutta River Bridge Jan 1898

being there or having been there I wished to  
persuade me from pursuing if it further (Capt  
Lawson & Elliot was there) I told <sup>him</sup> I was right  
& by God I would satisfy my self & convict him  
he told me to look all round & see if I could  
the man there being 30 or 40 merchants all  
together I could not find him then the poor  
fellow laughed which irritated me  
I got in a moment the whole of them & turned  
I amongst them by God there is the man  
that took his musters from my house & left  
but a very little while before I did. I said  
said no & then asked the man if he knew  
me or if he had been to my house he said  
no & I was so that he did not know me nor  
had he been to my house I told them if  
they would both go to my house with me  
would prove the one to be a rogue & a villain  
& the other a damned fool & that the

should go & I would make the man acknowledge  
he knew me & had been to my house & had  
sold goods there I obliged them to come &  
the man acknowledged he had sold goods  
here & had been here several times but did  
not recollect me which must be false as he  
had made a salutation to me several times & his  
own broker was then in my house & was making  
a bargain for some more of his goods which he  
acknowledged & that I proved all that I said  
I could - I then told me he did not think  
it could be such a mistake - I would have  
traveled them all over Calcutta but I would  
have convinced them I was right - but they  
are a damned set of under hand low life set  
of scoundrels I told him not to pack any more  
goods for me before I saw Mr. Mearns & that  
if he paid his money for goods for me the  
goods should be bought at the market

Calcutta. river Hugh Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 9. Calcutta. river Hugh Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 9

cash price - that I did not forget the  
13 tricks I believe he & particularly the other man  
will remember me these years to come it  
was fine sport for my Banian & crew -  
my Banian has packed to day 7 bales footer  
handkerchief - 1 bale coarse muslin handkerchief  
- 1 bale chintz - 2 bales Costa  
or stripes with filth - in all 11 bales which  
is a good days work - & they have overhauled  
other goods for tomorrow - by night they  
had finished the ship's copper & discharged to  
hulk - & took our rigging out of one of the  
boats - we have nothing to do now but get  
hard to work next week - tomorrow is from  
the last our people lost - V. Sherry came  
up to the house in the evening but did  
not stay long - I wrote to night very late  
& finished at half past twelve - to sleep

Sunday last we were so hurried on, that I could not  
allow the ship to have it to themselves as is customary  
& in fact necessary - as our people will not work unless  
& it is never required by having one day in to them  
themselves they are obliged to appear clean & tidy amongst  
the rest of their shipmates the next day work  
with a good will but however they have this day  
to themselves & there is nothing done on board  
the ship is all upon arms as last night they took  
everything from the hulk & one of the boats it now  
lays the chief of it about decks - however by next  
Saturday night I think the ship will look a  
little more ship shape than he now does  
Capt Lawson called on me & had a tiffin Capt  
Hathaway's doctor came here but did not tarry  
my Banian has packed 4 bales footer handkerchief  
2 bales Checks & 2 bales blue Gurras & they have  
overhauled other goods which will be packed  
to tomorrow 8 bales packed to day



Caterella River Much same as Caterella River Much same as

Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1811. I have just received  
from my father his letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> of Decr. 1810  
referring to the purchase of the land. I have been to  
the place and I have seen it & the owner  
he has shown me the line of the road & the  
what I have bought of the land. I have the  
money for them. I believe he has bought to  
have them as well as I can buy other ways  
as it is all the same to sell as he has to pay  
me such a sum in gold.

They have taken my one box of latest captures  
A box of a hat was put out of her & bamboo  
for a dagger. They have a re a little deer  
ship to say but not much that is it is here  
won't but have not made much. How fine  
as turning in house regg 386 I was on  
board & the shore carpenters are putting on  
the kiln on the upper edge of the ship

& he cannot get it with a true shear and he can  
 do the reason is he don't or will not know how  
 for it is on my reporter must put it right  
 The stone flayed on here last night within  
 10 or 12 he came to me about noon with an answer  
 he wanted a little harder & that the water here  
 put in something to make it come out easy but  
 I told him to go on board he promised me he  
 would when I went on board before night with  
 Cherry told me that Ted came on board  
 it was then a ship on his chest & for the  
 this day for he was in the & I gave him money  
 to pay the water & he promised me he would  
 go on board to do duty about noon but he  
 was not on board at night he neglects his  
 duty & he do all the excuses he can when  
 he get notice that he may stay longer  
 he must be on board for all this as he





Calcutta River Ship in 1848 Calcutta River Ship and 1848

10 Sunday  
I have to say I cannot give respect<sup>today</sup> to the  
the time of the goods I am to have of them I  
have been to say comparing notes & find  
you are right I used however I think we shall  
be able to get on the narrow. I have so  
a few young men with me today. I've  
down on board ship & having done I met  
Johnson who promised me he would go with  
ship yesterday noon & do his duty but he has  
not been nigh the ship - this fellow has been  
there at the house as he says, (but all the  
time the ship has been leaving down) & I have  
paid his mother 600 & advanced him more  
when ever he has asked for it. & now he has  
been wasting all yesterday & today idling  
about & doing nothing. & I am in such a  
hurry to get away that I have sent on board  
to fetch the business 600 & the

is this fellow idling away his time on shore  
However it is all for my goodness to him when  
I was in St. France he was in the prison ship  
put there by his Capt. not for his good deeds  
where he certainly would & must have stayed  
until his ship would be ready for sea which  
might have been in 2 or 3 months & the first  
time he came on board he had liberty to go  
with the rest of the people on shore. He never  
came on board again I think under 24 hours &  
a few days after we came here he had liberty  
for the day but did not come on board ship with  
in 24 hours & now this time. However it is as  
we have a right to expect ingratitude from such  
fellows as this is - here has been a Capt. trying  
to persuade him to leave the ship as he says but  
that is nothing to me now is it any reason for  
him to neglect his duty but I certainly shall  
remember this as rare as he is a man

Calcutta River Ship Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

Respect

16

by the time I got out no it was dark. however  
I saw that they have the first main rigging  
brought in for up & cathead fence in what they  
have done to day makes no show at all in a  
day or two they will be fitting the top mast &  
masts aloft which will be making some  
appearance. Mr Sherry informs me that the  
6 Leasars I sent on board to day to lend them  
a hand does very well & are to enable factors  
I intended they shall work in the hold & about  
the cargo while our people are about the  
rigging. — I came home & Capt Young was  
in the house again & had a dish of tea. I find  
that sugar is not only very scarce but very  
dear. I cannot get any & have been obliged  
to take some which is but little better than  
Jugary it will be good to that.

Calcutta River Ship Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

Yesterday to day we have not done much in the ship.  
By way there has not many merchants been at the  
house & what have been here has made more  
noise than work or business however now —  
1 Isaacson has picked to day one bale blue  
3 handkerchiefs & 3 bales of the to. I find that  
Johnson did not go on board ship last night  
he did not go on board untill late this morning  
& then he went down in the storage & st at an  
hour or two & then went at work. I most  
certainly remember this treatment because he  
is guilty of the highest ingratitude — — — — —  
They came on pretty well on board ship & those Leasars  
I sent I sent on board works very well indeed  
the carpenter is fixing the mizen & Mast to ship  
as before it was. — — — — — the Shore Carpenter is  
putting the rubbin in on the upper edge of the  
copper the have been long enough about it  
& they cannot get it in a water line all the



Calcutta River Hugly Janu 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

Wednesday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> I have not got the carpenters bill yet  
therefore I cannot tell what the expense of  
repairing the Ship will be enough with  
no manner of doubt. Capt Jackson &  
Mr Tannaldson Capt Crowel & Mr Crowfor  
dined with me to day Capt Young & Hobel  
came after dinner. Capt Tobel tells me he  
thinks the Sisters comes out of Lock in the  
morning & that he will sail in 6 days for  
Philadelphie he tells me that they have  
the Ships head in very well & he appears to  
be very anxious to get away & much please  
that he is so much feeling they did not  
say long. Capt Crowel tells me that he  
& Capt Lawson had a dispute & that with  
out carrying the matter into Court as Lawer  
is going down the coast is must be determine  
before he left & that the Gentlemen of the  
Law have the matter all on Crowel & he was  
obliged to pay 600 Rupees. it tells him

Calcutta River Hugly Janu 1<sup>st</sup> 1798

I went to receive the sugar (or species of it) I bought  
the other day at 2/6 but it was not so good with  
must be 20/6 I would not take it it would have  
answered extremely well at that price if it had  
been as good as the muste - sugar is very dear at  
present in fact there is none to be got it is now  
at 9 - 9 1/2 & more to be had the best sugar will  
be in in 15 or 20 days but however I am still  
determined not to purchase any at that price  
if I am obliged to I shall not more than 20  
tons at the extreme I think fine goods will  
will pay as great a profit as sugar in that case  
I am right in taking as little heavy articles as is  
possible that the Ship may go home lighter then we  
may expect a short passage however I must do  
as well as I can in respect to the purchasing &  
make my calculations & take that which I think  
may pay the greatest profit. my Sonian has  
packed to day 12 bales Beemboom Gunwads & 2 bales  
Toolpore logsh the last of which is at 130  
I have had for rope made out of jute it

Patuxent River Shanty Jan<sup>r</sup> 1862

18

is a very good rope (not tared) makes excellent  
it is very cheap 3/8 per lb. I like it. After we  
went on board ship they have got the mast  
3/4 masts aloft & rigging turned in & the Cape  
has almost filled the ship's mizen top & Ma  
by Saturday she will look ship shape  
The long fellows from the shore have not finished  
the rub in the upper edge of the copper sets  
2 American carpenters would have finished it  
in one day. Capt Jackson's ship came in  
in the morning & he having discharged all his  
business & Donaldson dined with me just  
before dinner. Campbell Crawford & Doherty came  
here but did not stay long. Doherty worked all the  
night to get his ship out of Dock & loading  
the same time he has had no sleep since the night  
before. Jackson & Donaldson bid me good by  
& went to go to their ship & go for sea. I wrote  
to them to my father & mother by the Richmond  
and post via Philadelphia.



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Ship Belisarius -

Third voyage -

# Calcutta in Aug. and 1798

idea The go on but looks in the packing way the merchants  
does not assemble at the house in great bodies however  
to day they ministered a tolerable full house — but  
more noise than work my Banian has packed to day  
3 bales Soolpore Copsaks & one bale ~~off~~ — & 3 bales  
1 Beertoom Curraks — & they have overhauled more of  
3 other goods which will be packed on the morrow  
last Saturday there was mention made in the paper  
of a Ship under Prussian Colours being at Columbo  
that had been at the Seichells I know of no other  
such ship except the Columbus — she was to have  
left 2 days after I did on the 22 October, & to day it  
was reported that the same vessel was at Bangue-  
lor it may be the above ship but as she was  
certainly bound to this port I can hardly credit  
its being her yet there is all most positive <sup>proof</sup> that  
it is she if it is & she is to come here they may  
think themselves fortunate to reach this place  
in 30 days from Bangue-lor so much for a dilli-  
sauter his portage bill for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June  
here would Copper be a light water mark



# Calcutta River Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1791 (Calcutta River Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1791)

Sunday 10 I sent out the ship the black fellows have  
 not finished the rubber on the upper edge of the  
 copper yet I shall be glad when they are done  
 they do tolerable well in the rigging way. They  
 have to day got up the mainmast & foremast.  
 Mr Jones the carpenter is driving & will sell  
 back the chair. But the flaps of the dead  
 eyes were all mott off & I have had them  
 repaired - now new fore & main lifts from new  
 line by hand rope not tarred but we have tarred  
 it it is so dry that it fairly drinks tar  
 yesterday I sent on board 200 bundles of rattans for  
 denage - to day I sent on board 20 boxes  
 of Arabac marked SBC. At 1.30 weight  
 46.0.25 - English & Barar Mould 63.1.8  
 I have agreed for 6 more Indians to go on board to  
 mow those that are there now does very well  
 I have no complaint - I dined at home & a  
 lone I have in my garden as usual

Monday 11 I sent for Mr Jones to come with some hands &  
 overhauled the sails that were at the house & to see  
 what order they are in the old main sail which was  
 shut off point Palmiras we find to be not worth  
 mending & conclude to lay it by we may find  
 it worth repairing running down the backstays  
 two of the M S we have three sails to be very  
 thin I thought it best to make a new one &  
 having duck brought to the house some time  
 past I now set them to making a new M S sail  
 Mr Sherry put the people in work way & then  
 he went on board - I went & set the black  
 people to weighing ginger with a good careful  
 man from the ship & a fencar - it looks what I  
 could see of it to be almost equal to muster  
 we always make allowance that we may not  
 be deceived by expecting to find goods equal to the  
 musters - I went on board ship & find that they  
 come on tolerable well with the rigging I am

Calcutta, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1797

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> I have taken Country hemp rope for some of the  
lower barges & I have seen a number of  
other ropes it is very well made & I believe  
is strong it is very cheap not taxed it is pre-  
ferring to see the quantity of tar it takes it goes  
in as fast as the man puts it on — I have been  
trying to make these black fellows tar it is  
the yarns as we do in America but all I can  
say or do I cannot persuade them in to the  
method of it as the scarcity & dearness of the  
Europe rope obliges the shipping to use Country  
hemp it will become an article much wanted  
& in time will be enquired after — if the  
war should come into the way of tarring of it it is  
now done by only one house in all Calcutta  
as without tar it soon rots in the fresh water  
which obliges the merchant to give the pre-  
ference to Coynar that comes from the Malabar  
& Ceylon in plenty & sells for 10/8 11 respects a

Calcutta, 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1797

mound 8<sup>th</sup> — which used to sell for only 4/6 5/1  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & the country white rope now is bought for  
5/12 — & the fine white dble for 3/8 —  
in any quantity — my Banian who is overseer of  
Mr Gillett's Carpenters Yard tells me some time past  
they were going to leave down a Brigate & he  
got the best Europe <sup>fall</sup> of 1 1/2" that he could get in  
the place & also a Country white hemp rope & also  
a fine dble all of the same size (to leave the ship  
down with 10 sheaves to each — 2 masts) & he hove  
the same strain on each fall — the Europe one  
parted first — the hemp next & the fine did not  
part — he then went & had an excellent fine fall  
made of 1 1/2" & hove down the Brigate with it —  
which I think is proof sufficient of the goodness  
of it — here is a plenty of it to be had —  
these black fellows of Carpenters (there is over them  
a white European but it is but seldom he is there)  
have finished the ribband on the Copper to day  
but have not taken away these stages I told Mr



# Calcutta River Hugly June 179. Calcutta River Calcutta 1798

Saturday  
 20  
 1/4 A  
 10 B  
 Sugar  
 1  
 2

Sherry that to her it is high water to haul them <sup>in day.</sup>  
 to the shore & leave them — & sent the water <sup>21</sup>  
 Casks on shore to be trimmed — all the back stay  
 chain plants the eyes are chafed all most off  
 & have been obliged to have them all repaired BC  
 & have made a new Iron strap for the things got  
 the Men to be sent it is exceeding well done. in  
 I came on shore & sent on board Ship 24 Boxes  
 Sugar Candy marked SBC & N° 1 a 24 — & 93  
 bags Ginger SBC N° 1 a 93 weighing Barar 100..28..  
 at 3/10 this I believe shall start loose amongst  
 the bales — My Banian has packed to day 1 bal  
 of Cotton Carpets & 2 bales of wool Carpets the last  
 of which is 140 — & they have overhauled more goods  
 he has bought about 300 mounds of sugar which  
 will be weighed on the morrow — J says is for  
 on board — Ted Stone had a tooth broke trying to get  
 it out I suppose it will lay him by but Mr Sherry  
 says it will be no loss as at the best he is a poor

being a holy day or considered as such the people is  
 all upon liberty I mean the ship crew but the  
 Lascars are all at work the sugar that was bought  
 yesterday I went & had it weighed (Mr Sherry to over  
 see it) this is 2 sorts the first in 120 bags & weighing  
 BM. 293.31.4 2 8/4 the other in <sup>48</sup> bags 53.7.4 & weighing  
 I must confess it is dangerous to weigh & leave it  
 on shore as they are a damned set of rogues & might  
 have shifted the bags but the precaution I have  
 taken has put it out of their power — I have hired  
 a little store which has but one door to it & have  
 put the sugar there & taken the key of it & stationed  
 a person at the door it is impossible for it to be stole  
 or shifted — the reason of my weighing of it was tomorrow  
 is holyday & nothing to be done at all the next day  
 it will be on board airly without delay — & it was  
 lucky I sent to weigh it as I did when my sugar  
 went in to the Godown he found the merchant shifting  
 & carrying away all those bags of the first quality

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Sunday  
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& there was the devil to pay amongst them for a little time however sugar is so very scarce I was glad to take & say not much about it & it is now out of their reach

2 my Banian has packed to day 2 bales footed handkerchiefs & 1 bale blue Chandernagore handkerchiefs & has overhauled mine I have been to day cutting out a silk ensign for the ship it will look very well it is good buffeta & is large & very strong I shall have a pendant made of some of same stuff

the fencers have been busily employed packing sugar and y at the house Cas  
Tobacco ship & stores is I believe all most loaded & will sail on wednesday next for Philadelphia he tells me the carpenters put her keel & stem & speeded well but that it will be expensive the Warren Capt Cartwright has not dropt down yet I thought she did a day or two ago

Monday

22

to do beans a new hob as there is nothing done amongst the blacks or with them except is by those of the lowest cast & my Banian was not at the house the whole day nor any of the fencers - but the fellow I bought some pork off brought it me to day the quantity of 2 large barrels & the house consumer is packing me some beef - three people from the ship has been all day at the house making the new top sail & on board ship they have been busily employed about the rigging - they have to day swayed up all three since we have been in port the carpenter has fixed a steep mirror top of masts & top of masts & sent the yards a loft - & started some water from the casks upon deck that have been getting into the cask below - and this morning I went with Capt Young to see the races - races twice round each time a very pretty pass time indeed in the evening Capt Browel & Mr Croxford - then Capt Young came to my house but they did not stay long



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Tuesday

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it is a holy day to day as well as yesterday but not so strictly so my Danian came to the house but said there would not any merchants come to day. I made one of the boxes with 8 pack some boxes sugar and but it was for work. & the Europeans are obliged to make a holy day of it also as all the business is done by the blacks entirely. I intended to have sent on board some sugar but could not obtain a pass from the custom master therefore I must postpone it. - 3 hands at the house at work on the M & Lait - the consumer packing beef I have shipped a young fellow belonging to Boston aseward at 12 dollars per month.

I went with Capt Young out early in the morning & saw the races it was very pleasing indeed not only to see the race but the collection of people horses Phetons Chariots Coaches buggies balandiers some very different sorts of people & cast. We dined at home & alone except Mr Sherry & Miss

# Calcutta River Mugly Jan<sup>y</sup> 1798

this morning there was more sport on the river than either of the other mornings so I am told but I was not there. - sent on board ship 120 bags sugar of which I have made 3 quality, A B C No 1 & 120 marked S.B.C. - sent on board 48 bags sugar No 1 & 48 marked S.B.C. - sent on board 39 boxes sugar and of A quality (which makes 53) marked S.B.C. - numbered 15 & 53. - sent on board 5 boxes sugar and of quality B Numbered 11 & 15 - & marked S.B.C. they are very busy in stowing the above goods they came on board late in afternoon - Capt Nobel had a large party to dine on board his ship I went over in my pinnace & Capt Croel - at Sundown they saluted the man that attended the first gun put in the second carriage without sparging the gun in consequence of which she went off blew him over board & tore his right hand all to pieces filled his face & eyes full of powder bruised his breast considerably & he

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Wednesday

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is hurt very much indeed & in fact the poor fellow is in a most shocking situation indeed - there is chance to be a Doctor (Kelley) onboard. I've put some sweet oil on the wound & kept it up that nothing should get in it. his name ~~the~~ of Marblehead a very active fellow the boy also had his face full of powder they were both sent on shore to the hospital it was dark before they left the ship - the salute was fired & party dined the ladies left the ship & past & some of the Gentlemen also - Capt Dohel has engaged 3 fiddlers to be onboard at 3 but they disappointed him & did not come until after the ladies were gone & of course he would not let them in which was very right - a few of us stayed until 12 & then came over in my pinnace the time was spent very agreeable indeed - but the accident which happened damped the life of the amusement

Thursday

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sent onboard this 60 Bales piece Goods of different kind - White cloths - blue handkerchiefs - mock pulicat handkerchiefs & Checks - Marked S.B.C. & numbered 1 a 60 - I also sent onboard 700 Gunney bags which can be stowed away without taking up any room - I had the fencers at work early in the morning & yet they did not have these goods along side until the afternoon & it was late before it was got onboard - they come on very well in the rigging onboard - 3 hands at work on the Main Top sail at the house - the poor fellow that had his hand blown to pieces yesterday - last night his hand was cut off above his wrist his eyes are so full of powder he cannot see & I fear he never will - I dined at Capt Croels with several others - doctor Davis was there I think he is better however he cannot walk at all - if he could obtain a passage home he would be well before he reached <sup>there</sup>



# Calcutta River Hugly Janu<sup>y</sup> 1798

Tuesday 26 I sent the mess with to get the boats ready <sup>Thursday</sup> that I might have the goods I intend to load  
 I had along sea air & by noon they were ready to go. I have sent on board ship  
 60 bales different kind piece Goods — such as  
 Checks — mock piccata handkerchiefs — chin  
 shaws — (of the same trunk) — chopparan  
 Saffeta — sandanones — white cloths —  
 blue handkerchiefs — check handkerchiefs —  
 muslin handkerchiefs — Gattas — blue Gura  
 palampores — Linits — which makes in all  
 50 bales & trunks marked SBC & numbered  
 61 to 120 — also sent on board 775 Gunney bags  
 to stow so as to protect the bales from damage  
 they hoisted them inboard some time before  
 night — but did not stow many of them  
 busily employed on board on the rigging &  
 3 hands at house on the M Sop sail —

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sent on board ship this day 30 bales different  
 kind Goods consisting of blue handkerchiefs —  
 Checks — Berbon Gurrak — Scotch Lofah —  
 Cotton Carpets — Wool Carpets — Scotch handkerchiefs —  
 Chintres — Red Mock piccata — Marked SBC  
 & numbered 121 to 170 — & 38 boxes & boxes  
 & 225 Gunney Bags to stow loose  
 the jerrars are so detetery they don't begin to  
 work untill 9 or 10. then the Invoice is to  
 go to 2 or 3 different <sup>Custom House &c</sup> places, I solded them.  
 & they told me they have to do a great many  
 things before they can come — viz — to wash  
 body — to pray — then to eat — then master we  
 come out for all day & stay by you untill 8  
 in the evening what master want more  
 the people have finished the S fail all but  
 roping — & the points — I sent it on board to be  
 finished — & Monday am going to make a M fail



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Sunday

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to day being Sunday all the people are upon Liberty & buying what little matters they want for their lives as they see the Ship is preparing for sea & think they will not be another Sunday on Liberty in consequence of which they are making the best of it — however the Lascars are at work on board ship they do very well but want a good deal looking after they are active in the rigging & to do the drudge work &c — we shall have the ship all painted & ready for sea by Saturday next — then I will venture to say she will look as well as any ship laying in or at Calcutta without exception & no disparagement to any other ship — & she will be in good trim she will sail remarkable fast — but few ships will catch her.

Board

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Monday

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sent on board ship 13 bales Goods — different kind — as follows — blue handkerchiefs — striped Gingum Cotton & silk — Bandannoes — red mock pulicats — & Pulicat handkerchief & fishing lines — all marked SBC & numbered 171 a 183 — & 2 bags fishing lines also marked SBC & numbered 184 a 185 — also 1 box sugar candy (being omitted it is supposed to have been sent on board the 26 inst.) SBC N<sup>o</sup> 33 — also sent on board 300 Guney bags which makes in all 2000 which we stow loose to protect the bales of Goods from damaging — they are cheap & take up no room at all — Mr Sherris has been at the house to day & partly cut the new Main sail & has got the people at work to make it — Capt Campbell slept at my house this night as they have discharged theirs & they go on the morrow he goes in 3 Sisters Capt. Robert of Boston — ship gone a day or two



# Calcutta River Hugly January 1<sup>st</sup> 1808

Tuesday Capt Dabels Ship 3 Sisters of Boston dropt down  
 30 Sunday of he & Campbell living together but 31  
 having discharged & paid of all their affairs & no  
 convenience to keep Campbell has slept at my  
 house these 3 last nights. They both - & Croel  
 & Crawford came here & had a tiffin. & at 2 the  
 bid me good by & went to go on board ship for  
 Philadelphia. Campbell is passenger with Dabel &  
 Croel & Crawford went with them as far as the Ghe  
 in the evening Croel & C came here & told me  
 that Doctor Davis is gone down in a boat & is go-  
 ing home with Dabel. I think it is the best thing  
 he could do he being very unwell & it is said that  
 his affairs would not permit of his staying here  
 much longer. Croel paid for the boat to carry him  
 down. — I have given to my servants a list of the  
 toys I shall want for the ships use which he  
 will get in a day or two.

# Calcutta River Hugly Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1808

Wednesday my servants are very busily employed in collect-  
 ing the stores I gave them a list off — my  
 Baner is also very busily employed making  
 out my accounts & I am self also busy arranging  
 the ships accounts & getting the ship in order  
 on board the mates are busy painting & situating  
 the rigging - the carpenter caulking the plerage  
 & fixing planitions for a redge rope to go all round  
 the ship it will be man height in the waist  
 which will make her look very well indeed.  
 I went to Ramtoney to see if he has all the goods  
 put up to make the balance due me on bottom  
 I had Mr Macarty - he has & will be ready in the  
 morrow - I went with Mr Minot a little while &  
 saw Madam Boumare then went & dined with  
 Mr & Mrs Macarty - & took a little ride with Mr  
 Minot in the buggy - then home at an airy hour  
 but did not turn in till late —

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3<sup>rd</sup> evening three men at the house making a new Main<sup>id</sup> sail. the others with the Lascars are busily employed on board ship. Sent the top of Jau & Tassails &c - two small bales & three trunks belonging to Mr Stephen Minot of Salem who goes with me as passenger. but I give him the passage of him self & these small affairs.

Sent on board stores for ship such as - potatoes - onions - yams - Rice - paddy - Bread - flour - Gin - Madeira & Claret wines - pickles - Sweet meats - Beef - Grays - lines - Candles - vinegar - Nails - &c. &c. - I went to Ramtong & he sent to my house the 2 bales of Goods (settled yesterday) which makes the ballance of goods from Mr Macarty, which he owed me for the Cotton I sold (see 8 Jan) him - I having also received an order from <sup>him</sup> in Superiorth Mar. at Bourbon for 13890<sup>0</sup> Cotton - in full of my account -

Calcutta River Hughly February 14<sup>th</sup>

I have 2 hands at the house at work on the all sail - the others busily at work getting the ship ready for sea - Wednesday last the 12 Lascars time being up they all came on shore before I had time to engage them again - & finding a good deal of work to do on board ship I this day hired 6 more for 7 days as they will not hire themselves out for a shorter time if we go away before they must follow us down River & stay by the ship untill their time is expired -

Sent on board 5 Bales goods marked SBC & Numbered - also sent on board 95 Coils hemp Rope - sent on board for ships use - Jute Rope - fowls - Ducks - pigs - hogs - goats - paddy - Beans - Rice - Butter - sent on board the new M<sup>th</sup> Sail - & also the cushions - Curtains - pictures - Glass & several small matter that were at the house as we are almost ready for sea -



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<sup>3</sup> <sup>Saturday</sup> in the morning early I sent an anchor boat <sup>order</sup> to the ship & told Mr Sherry to take the ship from under four & to moor her in the stream two anchors - it proved to be squally & in the height of a very heavy rain squall Mr She came to the house & told me the anchor boat had gone a drift owing to the building of a ship a head of us who cast our warp off & would not let the ship hang by him only 15 minutes the anchor boat had lifted the sheet anchor but she was obliged to let it go instantly or our ship would have been on shore owing to the fellows casting off our warp the anchor boat of course went a drift up river & with several of our men in her - my self being very unwell - I told Mr Sherry to go down as fast as possible & do the best he could & I the servants to send to the ship directly an

other anchor boat he soon got one & sent her a long side - if I had thought it would have been so squally I would not have told the mate to take the ship in the stream but when the boat went a drift he had all the shore fasts in & the stern cable which obliged him to proceed - Capt Croel was at the house but went away soon after the rain was over - Mr Minot came to my house we went & dined with Doctor Kelly & Mr & my self went onboard the ship she is safe moored in the stream & had but just finished which was after dark - Mr Sherry tells me that if Mr Glap (who is the man that cast the warp off & is the man who built the ship we meant to have hung by) had not cast off our warp she would have moved the ship by noon. Mr S asked Mr G the reason of his cast off our warp he told him that our people was saucy to him (which however I cannot believe

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Saturday but if he took them to be a parcel of runagares <sup>or</sup> or a set of fellows I went to damn them & I will venture to say they taunted Jemmy to him for they are not used to bad treatment neither would they take it from him all though he thinks him self a great man those Americans who look up for promotion will not be abused by any person ) Mr S told him that could not be an excuse for his casting off our warp which proved to him clearly that he wished to see our ship on shore. then they got to be very high however Mr S I don't <sup>think</sup> <sub>now</sub> abuse any man but I told him I thought Mr Glasp was very wrong, but I hoped he gave him full as good as he sent - to judge imparshe we must hear both sides - Mr Sherry tells me he has felt very unwell this day or two & this morning he took an emetic which did not incline to work in two hours he took one more

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which did not work he intended to have taken another but could not find one & he believes they would not have worked but when he came up to the house it rained very hard indeed & he run all the way & in running down again it began working & by the time he got down it rained him but thoroughly he went on board & stood the deck all day & it rained the greatest part of the time I asked him how he felt at present he said very well indeed I made him shift him self & put on dry cloths as he has been wet all day - he has the constitution of a horse if there had been another emetic he would have taken it & if it had not worked he would have taken a dose or two of salts. which would have rained him out (to use his own expression) both at the horse hole & cabbin window a boat was upset in the river but it is not known if any body is drowned - we came on shore I turned <sup>in</sup> <sub>airly</sub> as I find myself very unwell & likely to be worse -



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Sunday

1 my self very busily employed in arranging  
my accounts with my Banian to see how  
my money holds out that I may know  
how much more goods I can buy. I find  
that my charges here will be very high  
owing to my being obliged to almost neu-  
ter the ship - the carpenters bill is very  
high & I may <sup>say</sup> in it there is many impos-  
sibilities which I cannot get clear off but must  
pay - on board they have hoisted the pine  
inboard - taken down the derrick - carpenter  
making a rigging around the boat & caulking  
the hatches - sent on board for ships use - 2 bags  
peas - Eggs - Wood - Sheep skins - ox hides -  
- duck - I told Mr S to let some of the  
people go on shore on liberty, as it will be  
the last Sunday they will have at Calcutta  
& for them to be free to finish all their small  
matters. & no more on shore after to day

Calcutta River Hugly Febr 1798

5 I am all most done packing Goods thank  
God & am in hopes to be soon away - sent  
on board 5 bales Goods marked SBC & num-  
bered - also sent on board 1 small bale of  
mustins (14 pieces) N<sup>o</sup> 1 marked R it being Mr  
Roussels & cost 27/8 the 1 Mark & 4 drams I  
sold which belonged to him for a for 25/9  
I must take care of this bale for him -  
my Banian is very busily employed making  
out his account as I am all the time hurrying  
of him continually & tell him I must be away  
to morrow - the mates will have the ship all  
ready for sea in time they are employed upon  
the Main sail - sent on board 2 half barrels  
of rounds of beef hunches & tongues & ~~the~~  
John Jays is quite unwell I sent a Doctor on -  
board to see him he says that he will soon be  
better but he is very weak

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Tuesday  
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preparing for my departure. I am now  
loading on board ship all the things from the  
house - my trunks - Desk - & in fact all the  
other small matter about the house -  
sent on board the last bale of goods being  
a muster Bale N<sup>o</sup> 146 marked SBC  
it was my intentions to have sent the ship down  
to day the pilot went on board but the Anchor  
being foul he lost the tide - so that I shall be  
all ready to go on board myself in the morning  
as I this day settled all my accounts with my  
Banians & have made out my Invoices &  
Bills Lading - I wrote letters home (to be left  
to go on the first ship as here is none going now  
to my father - the ship to day has hoisted  
the new suit of jill Colours they look very  
well - & are quite large enough -

Wednesday

as Mr. Linnot is going passenger with me he slept  
at the house last night. I all though we turned in  
very late last night we turned out very airy  
this morning I ordered one of the tow (we have  
3) boats to be at the lowest Ghot airy this  
morning & by 7 we was down to her with what  
little affairs I had to take with <sup>me</sup> when I came  
there the ship was just abreast it being stark  
calm & the tide just turned down she made  
but little way - I saw a large gang of people  
with cutlasses &c him that appeared to be the  
officer of it - saying damn your eyes jump into  
that boat press this one & that one bear a hand  
& let us get on board her - & then the Capt of  
the Levison (Linsay) coming down & saying to  
the officer bear a hand on board & take all the  
men out of her by this I found they were  
going on board my ship - I then spoke to



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Wednesday Capt Linzey and asked him if his press gang was  
going on board my ship he said they were going  
on board the American ship & asked if I was Capt  
of her I told him yes well say he I shall take  
all your men out & then you may man your  
ship with Lascars & who gave you liberty to  
ship men in this port. - I told him I wanted  
no persons liberty as I had men enough & pro-  
tections for them - he then went away & I  
lasted on board the press gang had them all  
on the boat but seeing me they let them come  
on board again - the officer wished to see the  
the peoples protections I produced them all  
he then said you have two blacks I must  
see their protections I told <sup>him</sup> one was my Cook  
the other steward & that they were American.  
& for blacks we never have protections they  
being considered in the capacity of servants

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indeed he told me that it was his orders to take out  
every man who had no protection - when I  
found that was his intentions I told them they  
must go & that I would go & be at Capt Linzees  
as soon as they would I went in the (Mr Minot  
went with me) boat & was landed a little a-  
bove the fort & had to walk in a very hot  
sun up to the house of Capt Linzee. he asked me  
to show him the peoples protections I told him I had  
satisfied his officer in that respect the Royal pressgang  
then came forward to exhibit there, prise 2 black  
men - I told Capt L. that these blacks had no  
particular protection but produced the shipping  
paper wherein he saw their names & where I  
had been to the Consul here & attested that all  
the men now on board ship are American citi-  
zens - but all this he would pay no kind of  
attention to - but told me he wanted 30 or 40  
men for his ship by desertion & that he is  
determined to have all men he can get

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Wednesday with out protections & he demanded their mens  
 7 Wages I told <sup>him</sup> if I found he was determined to keep  
 them I did not want their wages - Mr Minot  
 & my self then left him & went out & breakfasted  
 with Mr Macarty - then we went again to Capt  
 L - I sent for my Banian to let me have  
 500 Rupees which I gave to the two blacks he  
 & self & made them give me a receipt in full for  
 there wages & I mean to send them the ballance  
 when I go on board ship - then we went to Bar  
 haul & got a boat to come down River in but  
 we had not got far before one of the ships  
 tow boats over took us & we concluded to get  
 in to her but she had no covering & the fun  
 was very warm indeed & I felt my self very  
 unwell indeed by the time I got on board who  
 was not untill 3 - I then made a rough  
 calculation of the 2 blacks wages & found due  
 to W Jefferson 119 dollars (beside half of the 500  
 which I gave him a bill for on my owners Salem

Wednesday & due to J Murry 30 Dollars (beside half of the 500)  
 which I gave him a bill on my owners Salem & in-  
 closed them in a letter to Capt Linzee I also sent  
 there chests & cloths & every thing that belonged to  
 them - we have now as many persons onboard in  
 number as we had on the first voyage having  
 got a young lad at Calcutta to act as steward  
 he told me he was born in Boston -  
 & I also sent up to My Banian (by one of the  
 Serears) 20 pieces of Gold which I valued at 18/4  
 they come to 50/- to pay him for the above 500/-  
 he lent me at Town - now thank God I  
 may bid adieu to Calcutta for this time &  
 I am in hopes to have a little rest for this 10  
 & 5 days past I have been very unwell & more  
 particularly this day having been obliged to  
 drive about in the fun all most the whole  
 day - I shall do nothing but take care of my  
 self & make the best of it as others does in the  
 same situation patience -

William Jefferson was shipped on Salem 8 October 1796  
 Dr Francis Murry - 19 Jan 1797



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Thursday 8 Pleasant employed in tiding down river  
the winds are southerly & have been so this long  
time & if they continue so we shall be a long  
time before we get clear of the sand head  
the people all the spare time they have are  
at work on the new M sail as it was not  
wholly finished when it was brought from  
house - I came too at Hog River - M. M. the  
pilot & M. Sherry on shore a gunning - my self to  
unwell to join them - Pleasant

Friday 9 Pleasant - Wind southerly 7 - 2 ships passed us bound  
up one an American - I took one of the tow boards  
& M. Minot & went onboard him Capt J. Martin  
of Portsmouth (Phoenia) from Teneriff & Cape of Good  
Hope 1 Month from Cape & 60 days from Archam a very dis-  
agreeable calm flatting time in the Bay - left  
Portsmouth last March 11 Month no news - he tells me  
he lives very disagreeable onboard an amount of

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Chief Mate That he has been obliged  
to divide his people & to sleep with his sword & pistols  
by him for a long time he having a very strong southerly  
wind to run over the Ebb - Our ship a dropping  
down we did not stay very long however we got  
breakfast with him - & set of down River & did not  
reach the ship untill 1 - & found her still at an-  
chor & having been in great danger in heaving up  
there small anchor it was foul she drifted which  
obliged them to let the sheet run - then both got foul &  
they had but just weighed as we got onboard & we  
dropped down to within 3 miles of Fulta we took one  
of the boats & went to Fulta & had a dish of Sea &  
came onboard at 8 & turned in - Pleasant

last Night we dropt down as far as Fulta in the  
Morning M. M. & my self went on shore to breakfast  
M. Camage just arrived from town we had a dish  
of Coffee with him his wife & 2 gentlemen - the ship  
got under way & we followed & got onboard her - we  
are beating down River with a southerly breeze &  
at 4 came too 3 miles below Diman Harbour -  
Lafayette, Indiman not far from us dropping down  
moderate & pleasant



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Sunday

11 Pleasant & a fine breeze from the N & West got under way  
" 6 (the 6 lascars that I hired at town for 7 days & paid them for the same three times being 3 days past I now paid them the 3 days & sent them away in one of the tow boats — & all the tow boats cast off but one & made all sail the Lascars & Pilot schooner got under way & when the wind was off they sailed as fast as we but when we hauled too we <sup>passed</sup> ~~passed~~ very very fast — the pilot sent a letter to know if the schooner would follow out but the tow boat in fear of going to her for fear of being pulled on shore — we stood on & passed 2 or 3 Indiamen & the Armed ship Nonsuch at Sauger — & a little sloop that belongs to the pilot got under way to take our pilot out — I came too being calm — I got under way with a light breeze from the N & kept under <sup>way</sup> all night — quite moderate & pleasant —

Monday

12 At day light we run back being without the buoy & saw the sloop again lowered down the boat & discharged the pilot (James Coombs) in 7 fathoms the buoy is on the Eastern Sea Reef 2 miles S S W we made sail to the Southward — saw a ship in the S S W (a pilot schooner) called Hope ham from Pulippanang (no news) for Calcutta he came to anchor tide running down — the wind is west & variable & quite light — & very warm — Lattd. 21. 1/2  
So we now bid a due to Bengal —



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